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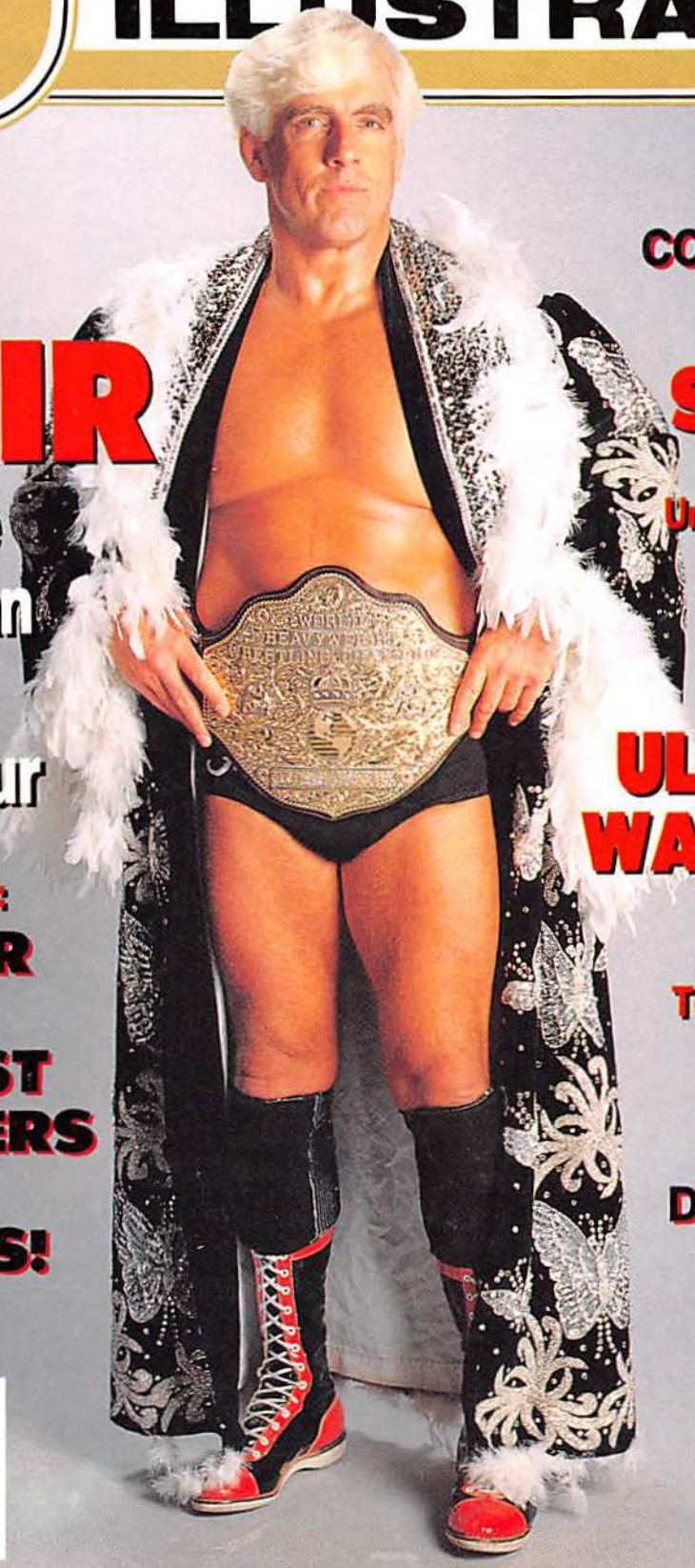

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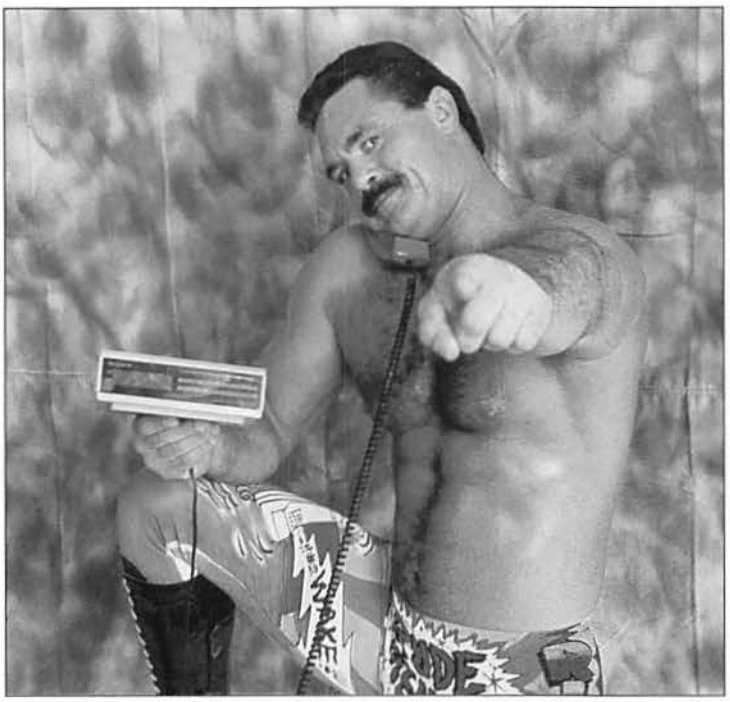

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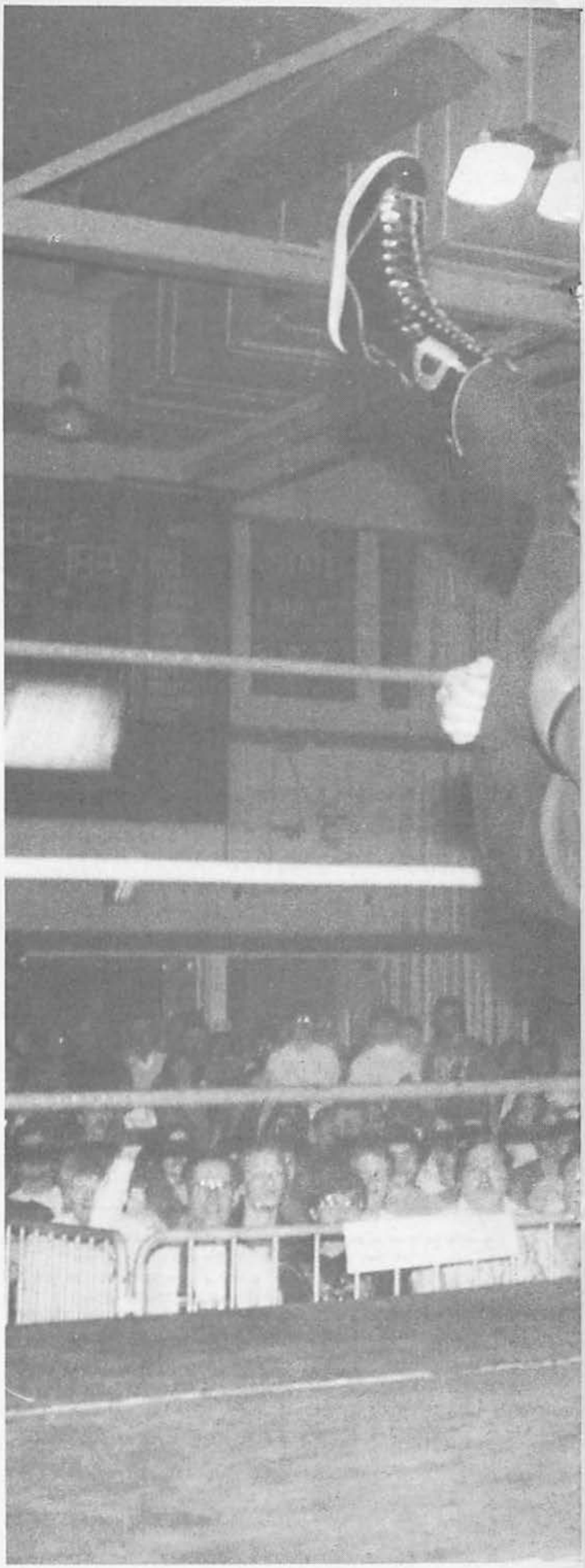

WCW World champion Lex Luger levels Ron Simmons with a mighty powerslam. Since winning the championship in July, the "Total Package" has given his fans many reasons to love him, and his detractors just as many reasons to hate him. Turn to page 38 for a closer look at why this champion is a bundle of contradictions.

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BRING BACK SAVAGE!

After our cover story "Your Wedding Gift For Savage & Elizabeth: Help Lift The 'Macho Man's" Suspension!" in the November 1991 issue, we were flooded with responses.

"It's ridiculous to keep Randy out of action," reasoned one reader. "After all, he's made several appearances already. Other wrestlers who have been suspended were allowed to return. I say Savage has served his penance. Bring him back!"

WWF President Jack Tunney failed to lift Savage's suspension in mid-September, so public outrage is high. But not everyone wanted to see the "Macho Man" come back.

"He was always a bum," complained one reader. "Savage is the most egotistical jerk I've ever seen. Who needs him?"

☎ FINALLY, IT'S FLAIR

Just when I was ready to write off this sport—it got too boring, and too stupid—something comes along that makes me want to jump and shout. Hulk Hogan is going to wrestle Ric Flair!

For years, I've been wanting to see what would happen when the two greatest champions of the '80s got in the same ring. Both men seem to be at the peak of their powers, and it could be the greatest WWF match since Bruno Sammartino took on Pedro Morales in 1972.

My money's on Flair, by the way.

ROBERT MORALES
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☎ PATRIOT LAUNCHING

I just got done watching *World Championship Wrestling*, and I couldn't believe what I saw. The Patriots—two young guys I never heard of—beat The Freebirds to win the U.S. tag team title!

Chip the Firebreaker and Todd Champion may be young and inexperienced, but these are two great athletes. I'm sure they'll get even better as they defend their title.

It's nice to see an upset once in a while!

MEGAN LYNN
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UPBEAT APPROACH

Wow! I've never seen wrestling so exciting as it has been in the last few months. The WWF and WCW have never been so action-packed and great to watch. The matches and feuds in both of the "Big Two" have been outstanding.

In addition, the new Global Wrestling Federation is great! I predict that in the next year or so

Al Perez vs. The Patriot is the kind of Global Wrestling Federation action reader Charles Lemons enjoys. He thinks Global will eventually join WCW and the WWF as a major promotion.

the GWF will replace the void left by the AWA. Then it will join WCW and the WWF as a major promotion.

Now, if they'd only co-promote with each other like Japanese federations do!

CHARLES LEMONS JR.
Okay, OK

'WHACKED OUT

Your article in the November 1991 issue about The Bushwhackers being serious contenders was idiotic ("No Laughing Matter: The Bushwhackers Are Serious Contenders!").

Butch Miller and Luke Williams are nothing more than sideshow clowns. They are just something to make the fans laugh their butts off. Back in their UWF days, they were *really* something. They were vicious and violent. They never messed around, even in their Florida days.

But now? Don't think they have a chance against the new WWF World tag team champions, The Legion Of Doom.

MIKE ALLRED
Berrien Center, MI

Ridiculous! I don't understand how David Rosenbaum thinks The Bushwhackers are contenders just because of some victories over The Orient Express. The Express and The Bushwhackers are the two worst teams in the WWF.

If Miller and Williams are serious threats, then why have they had numerous opportunities against The Nasty Boys and failed? How come they got their butts kicked by The Natural Disasters at SummerSlam?

I advise all the Bushwhacker fans not expect to see gold around the waists of Miller and Williams. It just won't happen!

JOSEPH PUCCIO
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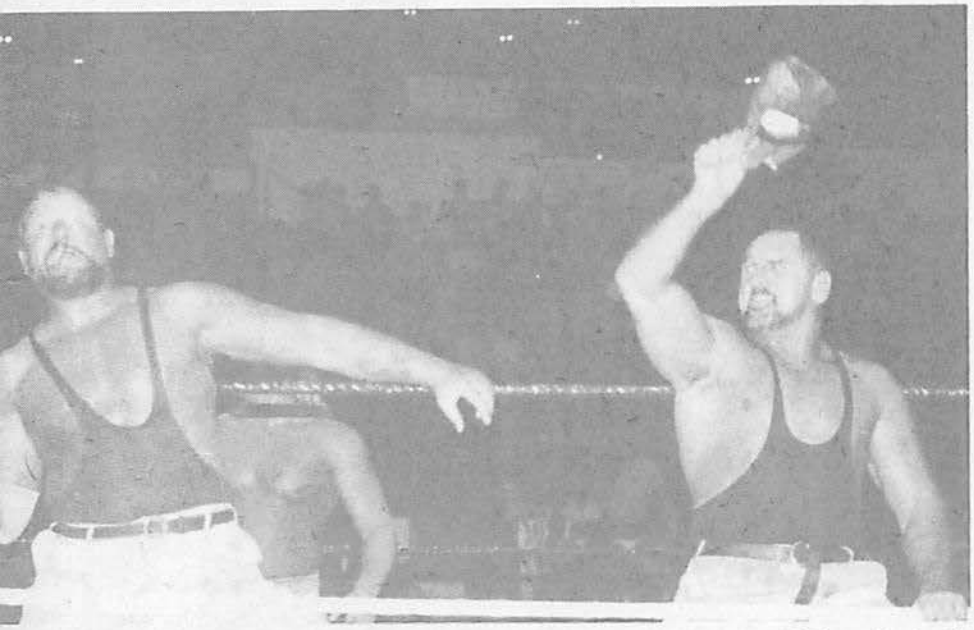

Readers Mike Allred and Joseph Puccio scoff at the story in our November 1991 issue that implies The Bushwhackers are serious contenders to the WWF World tag team title.

HORRIBLE HOGAN

Hulk Hogan has proven himself to be the lowest criminal in the WWF. How can any fan be proud of this man?

At SummerSlam '91, Hogan put a packet of powder in his trunks before the match. He waited for referee Sid Justice to be distracted, then he tossed the powder in Sgt. Slaughter's eyes! Hogan's actions, naturally, led directly to the pinfall.

Hogan cheated at SummerSlam '89, too, when he blasted Zeus with a loaded pocketbook. "Hulk-

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10 YEARS AGO IN *PWI*

The cover story in the January 1982 issue expounded on a dilemma faced by NWA World title contender Ric Flair. In "Ric Flair's Painful Choice: His Fans Or Dusty's Title—He Can't Have Both!" Flair explained

that if he pursued Dusty Rhodes' title by using the aggressive tactics he felt were necessary, he would jeopardize losing the support of his loyal fans in the Mid-Atlantic area. "When you face a man like Rhodes," Flair said, "there are certain things that you have to do in the ring that you normally wouldn't do under other circumstances."

The centerfold featured "Magnificent" Don Muraco, who had recently lost the WWF Intercontinental title to Pedro Morales. Of his favorite maneuver, the "Asiatic spike," Muraco said, "[It] brings me just about as much pleasure as it brings my opponent pain."

Elsewhere in the magazine: Two-time former WWF World champion Bruno Sammartino announced his retirement from wrestling . . . AWA fans began cheering Hulk Hogan . . . At Bobby Heenan's request, Editor-in-Chief Peter King spent several days on the road with Heenan and his charge, AWA World champion Nick Bockwinkel . . . Harley Race acknowledged that the Von Erichs were blocking his path to a seventh NWA World title . . . Matt Brock wrote that Jesse Ventura bored him . . . Tony Atlas worried that his fans would never forgive him for taking three months off from the sport to devote himself to bodybuilding . . . Andre the Giant sat atop the Most Popular rankings, while the unlikely duo of Jimmy Snuka and Terry Gordy were rated fifth among tag teams.

RINGSIDE

With Bill Apter

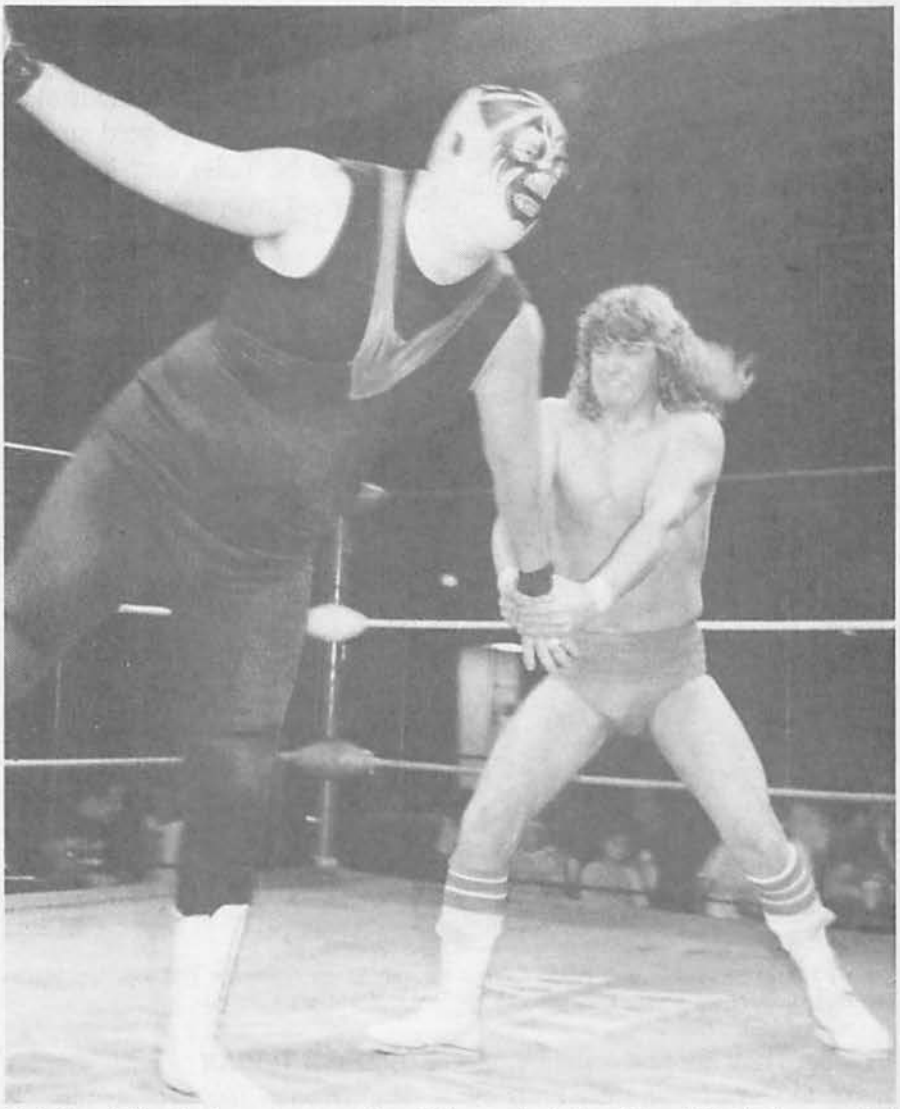
TRAGEDY HAS ONCE again struck the **Von Erich** family. **Chris Von Erich**, 21, the youngest of the wrestling Von Erich brothers, died on September 12, a victim of suicide. Chris' body was discovered that evening at about 9 p.m. by his brother, **Kevin Von Erich**, and his mother, **Doris**, approximately 125 yards from a farmhouse in Edom, Texas, where Chris was living with his family. According to a report in the **Dallas Times Herald**, a nine-millimeter pistol was found at the scene of the death.

"Earlier [that evening], Kevin talked with Chris, who appeared to be distraught," Van Zandt County Sheriff **Pat Jordan** said in an Associated Press wire report. "When he later checked on him, he found him shot."

According to the newspaper report, Chris left behind a one-page handwritten suicide note that said his family was not to blame and that he was sorry. The note, according to the newspaper account, mentioned Chris' three brothers—**Jack**, **David**, and **Mike**—who died earlier, though it did not indicate whether or not their deaths factored into his.

Chris is the fourth son to be lost by Doris and **Fritz Von Erich**: Jack was killed in 1959 at the age of seven when he accidentally electrocuted himself; David died on February 10, 1984, at age 25, of severe enteritis, an acute inflammation of the intestines; and Mike committed suicide on April 12, 1987, at the age of 23, two years after a near-fatal bout with toxic shock syndrome.

I'm sure our readers will join with all of us at **PWI** in expressing our deepest sympathy for Fritz, Doris, Kevin, and **Kerry Von Erich**, and wish them nothing but the best in the coming years. We sincerely hope this is the last of the unforeseen tragedies to strike this fine family.



Chris Von Erich, 21, the youngest member of the wrestling's famed Von Erich family, committed suicide on September 12. Chris is the fourth son to be lost by Doris and Fritz Von Erich.

Who is masterminding the plot against U.S. champion **Sting**? Somebody is paying off **Abdullah the Butcher** and **Cactus Jack** to attack Sting when he least expects it. The entire scenario is eerily similar to last year's **Black Scorpion** ruse by **Ric Flair**, but with Flair off to the WWF, he's obviously not the culprit this time.

"I don't care **who** the people are that are behind this," said an angry Sting after a title defense against the maniacal Jack. "If these guys want to try to make my life miserable, they're barking up the wrong tree. I've been through this kind of thing before, remember? It's not going to affect me in the least. I'm just going to keep on

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from the desk of. . .

Stuart M. Saks

Five years before the Hulk Hogan-Ric Flair bout was ever seriously considered by mere humans, Vince McMahon already was toying with the concept. The subject came up on June 30, 1986, when McMahon appeared with Larry King on a call-in interview show called *Home Team Sportsbeat*. A transcription of the entire program was printed in the Winter edition of *Wrestling 86*. I've selected the relevant portions.

PHONE CALLER: Vince, why don't you consider Ric Flair a world champion when he's beaten "Rowdy" Roddy Piper and Greg "The Hammer" Valentine in the NWA?

McMAHON: Ric is a fine athlete, and, I understand, a heck of a guy, I don't know him personally. I think just to have defeated two of the stars of the WWF does not necessarily make him [worthy] of championship recognition. And again, you have to understand the disparity between our organization and *all* other regional organizations . . . Ric Flair is a part of a regional promotion.

KING: In other words, this young man rises up, he's gonna have to be with the WWF, or he's not gonna fight Hulk Hogan?

McMAHON: Sure, sure.

KING: You would like to get him for the WWF?

McMAHON: Sure would. He's a fine talent.

KING: So you wouldn't mind if he continues to win and impress, because someday you feel you're gonna get him anyway.

McMAHON: I would say so. I would say it's a very good possibility, yes.

PHONE CALLER: My question is for Vince, and I really hope that you can be objective: Can you assess a potential bout between the [NWA] World heavyweight champion Ric Flair and your [WWF World] heavyweight champion Hulk Hogan? Can you tell me objectively how that bout could possibly come out and if it could be something that's happening in the future?

KING: We have two heavyweight champions, is that what he's referring . . .

McMAHON: No. Again he's making reference to [the champion of] a very regional promotion which is Ric Flair, which is Jim Crockett Promotions, one of our competitors as such. But that match would never, never happen, because to make a match like that would be . . . notwithstanding the fact that Jim Crockett is a very good promoter, let me say that first and foremost. Some of the athletes involved in Jim Crockett Promotions are excellent athletes, and Ric Flair happens to be one of them.

KING: Why wouldn't it happen then?

McMAHON: For us to make a match of that nature would almost give what is now a very small regional promoter the credibility that he's looking for in terms of . . .

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IN MY JOINT duty as associate editor of this and our other sister publications, and as one of the two managing editors of the recently inaugurated *WCW Magazine* (if you're a WCW fan, run—don't walk—to the nearest newsstand and pick up a copy. If you're not a WCW fan, become one, then pick up a copy), I see a lot of wrestling. Sometimes, too much, and I just have to stand back and say, *"Turn that VCR off!"*

Yes, even for those of us at what former Publisher Peter King called "the world's greatest sports publication," this sport can be too much to handle. Each of us has his own secretary, and even that's not enough to help us keep up with all the videocassettes we receive here at the G.C. London complex.

It all seemed so much simpler when I was just a fan. I think back to 1979. I was a senior in high school, and I hopped on a New Jersey Transit bus to New York, where I snuck into the Carruthers Cup dinner disguised as a busboy. Harley Race was the recipient of the coveted prize that year (Bjorn Borg was first runner-up). I had to be there, because I was a big fan of "Handsome Harley's." When he thanked "all the little people," I got a lump in my throat.

But the most memorable moment came when Race was being introduced by Larry "The Ax" Hennig, his old tag team partner.

"I can't begin to tell you what a great friend Harley has been," Hennig began. "We've been through a lot together, as a team and personally. There's one story I'd like to tell you here tonight that I think best illustrates our friendship. Harley would never tell you this himself, because he's a modest guy. I want to tell you about the time Harley saved my life.

"We were fishing for Mako shark in the South Pacific," Hennig began. "It was hot—oh, about 100 degrees or so. We'd been out for about four hours without a bite and we were seriously thinking about calling it a day. All of a sudden, Harley got a bite. After a little struggle, he reeled him in. It was a beauty. A little small, but we were happy.

"About 15 minutes later, we felt a tremendous bump against the starboard side. We barely had time to figure out what it was when he felt another bump that nearly knocked us into the water. Then, about 200 yards aft, we saw what had been causing all this ruckus. It was Mama, and she was none too pleased that we were intending to have her baby for dinner.

"I was convinced we'd had it," Hennig continued. "This big Mako was gonna make one more charge at us and smash the boat to pieces. But I figured we should at least try to get out of there—pronto. I was about to start up the boat when Harley told me to wait. He said he had an idea.

"As I watched to see the next move this shark was gonna make, Harley went down into the hold and came back with this big, old harpoon. The thing was rusty, must have been about 40 years old. It looked like something out of *Moby Dick.* He said it was his good-luck charm. 'And, boy,' he said, 'do we need good luck now!'

"I said, 'You're gonna harpoon that monster? You must be out of your mind!'

" 'What choice do we have?' he said. 'Quit your complaining and go start up the boat. Just stay by the wheel and do what I tell you.'

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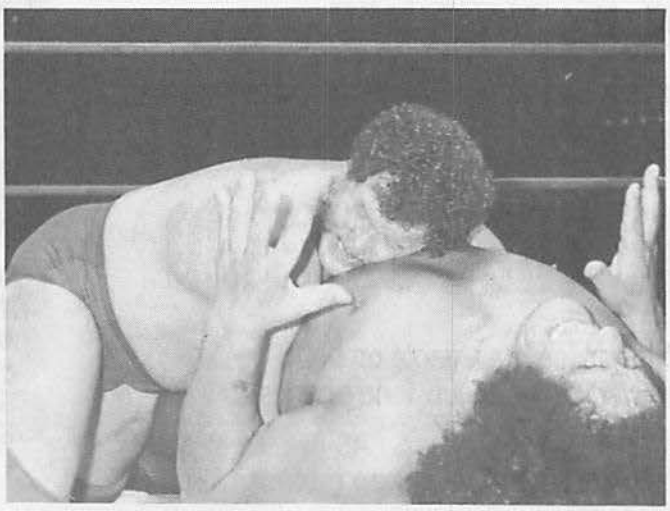

When Harley Race (pictured against Andre the Giant) received the 1979 Carruthers Cup, he also received great praise from his friend and former tag team partner, Larry "The Ax" Hennig.

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THE *OTHER* FLAIR VS. HOGAN

Flair vs. Hogan seems to be all you hear about these days. And yes, it is amazing that the two greatest wrestlers of the '80s will finally be squaring off against each other. But there is another match of almost equal magnitude that is very possible, and nobody could mount an argument that the competitors are both past their primes.

Sting vs. Ultimate Warrior.

The Warrior has disappeared from the WWF, and sources indicate that he won't be returning. WCW could sign Warrior and place him in bouts against his former tag team partner.

Who would win? I'd have my money on Sting, though Warrior might be able to focus his initial burst of energy and enthusiasm on Sting's once-injured knee and score a quick, though vastly damaging, victory.

I'd love to see it. The wrestling world is anxious for Hogan-Flair, and rightly so. But WCW has its own potentially lucrative Hogan-Flair on the horizon—and they'd be fools not to go after it.

Is Ultimate Warrior vs. Sting next?

REMEMBER THE GOOD MEMORIES

I met Chris Von Erich once. He was 15 years old, and I photographed him and his brothers Kerry, Kevin, and Mike for the cover of the August 1985 issue of this magazine.

I am stunned to think that two of the people in that photo have died by their own hands. I wonder how much one family can take: Fritz and Doris Von Erich have lost four sons and one granddaughter, and Doris lost a brother in 1958 while he was being operated on for a brain tumor (his name was David, and the David Von Erich you know of—who died in 1984—was named after him).

But it is said that, in time, the good memories outweigh the pain of the loss. I hope, for all the surviving Von Erichs, that this is so. I know I'll remember some of the words written in the story that went along with my cover photo:

Looking to the future, Chris estimates that it will be about 2½ years before he can make his professional wrestling debut. By the turn of the century, he'll be 30 years old and into his wrestling prime. What are his professional aspirations?

"I wanna be a world champion," he says confidently. "I'm pretty sure I will be, 'cause I'm gonna work hard. I'm just gonna keep training and training until I get big enough, and then I'm gonna be world champion if I can."

Chris Von Erich: What might have been

So much enthusiasm, so much determination and drive, so full of life.

My heart goes out to Doris, Fritz, and the entire family. I can't imagine their pain. I can only hope they somehow find the strength to weather this latest personal storm.

PREDICTIONS '92 . . . AND SOME "TOP 10" LISTS

As you've already noticed by the poll elsewhere in this issue, it's that time of year again—time to cast your votes for the best of the months just past in the *PWI* Achievement Award balloting.

Which means it's also time to send your predictions about what you think will be happening in wrestling in the *next* 12 months.

One year ago, who could have seriously imagined that Hulk Hogan vs. Ric Flair would be a reality? Perhaps that historic matchup is only the beginning—perhaps we're in for 12 months of shock after shock after shock!

The gala year-end double issue of *PWI,* cover-dated March 1992, goes on sale around December 31, and will include a special section of your predictions.

Send all your predictions to: "Prediction 1992" c/o *Pro Wrestling Illustrated,* Box 48, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.

But don't put your pencils down yet, class—here's another assignment!

You're probably familiar with the "Top 10 Reasons . . ." lists made popular on *Late Night With David Letterman.* They're so popular, in fact, that they've spawned two paperback collections. Well, now they're going to spawn the second year-end collection of top 10 lists to appear in *PWI.*

The idea is about the same as with the "Unofficial/Official Awards" we ask you to come up with: Be creative, be wild, be wacky—and the best lists will appear in the year-end issue.

Send your top 10 lists applicable to wrestling to "Top 10" c/o *Pro Wrestling Illustrated,* Box 48, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.

So, have fun coming up with some wild ideas for these sections—be-cause fun is what makes the year-end issue the most popular wrestling magazine of the year!

By Bob Smith

the steel cage

More than 3,000 fans attended the "Weekend of Champions" wrestling fans' convention in New York in August. Among the champions in attendance were Ric Flair, Lou Thesz, and Buddy Rogers.

AN UN-CONVENTIONAL EVENT. The highlight of my summer turned out to be an unexpected pleasure, like a surprise visit from a distant relative. If you live in the New York area—or even if you *don't*—I hope you were lucky enough to attend the second annual "Weekend Of Champions" wrestling fans' convention, held on August 24 and 25 at the Ramada Hotel near LaGuardia Airport in New York.

I live about 30 minutes away from the site of this year's convention, so I had no excuse to miss it. I wasn't able to attend the inaugural 1990 event, but John Arezzi, the event's promoter and an old friend, threatened to murder me if I didn't show up this time.

Just walking through the entrance to the hotel lobby was a big thrill for the more than 3,000 loyal fans who attended this year's convention. In the autograph room were many of the top champions in the history of this sport, and all of them were meeting with the fans and posing for photos. Sitting there with a nine-year-old on his lap was Ric Flair, who was in limbo at the time—he wasn't under contract with *any* organization. A few weeks later, he'd join the WWF for the first time.

"I can't believe I'm seeing you shake hands with the fans," I told Flair as I strolled by. "Miracles *can*

happen!"

"I can't believe they let four-eyed journalists in a *fans'* convention," Flair shot back, letting me know he hadn't changed *that* much.

But Flair was sitting at the first table—and he was just the *first* champion.

There was six-time former NWA World champion Lou Thesz, who laughed hysterically as Bill Apter's daughter, Hailey, climbed all over him.

There was legendary women's champion Fabulous Moolah, looking like she could still climb into the ring and teach today's female stars how it's done.

There was Superstar Graham, the former WWF World champion, warning some youngsters about the dangers of using steroids.

There was former NWA and WWF World champ Buddy Rogers, who looks like he's primed to take on the champions of today.

The next day, wrestling's "Living Legend," Bruno Sammartino, made an appearance.

I didn't even approach these all-time greats; I was too stunned by the enormity of having all these greats in one place. I preferred just to stand in the back of the room and contemplate all the wrestling history these men and women had been responsible for. Jim Cornette, who also was signing autographs in the area, admitted he felt the same way.

"I almost feel like I don't belong in here with all these champs," said an uncharacteristically humble "Louisville Slugger" as he signed autographs alongside the beautiful-as-ever Woman. "I consider myself the greatest *manager* ever, but this is the biggest collection of legends—*true* legends—I've ever seen in one place. There's a ring in the back of the dealer table area. I think they should all climb in and show all these fans what wrestling's all about!"

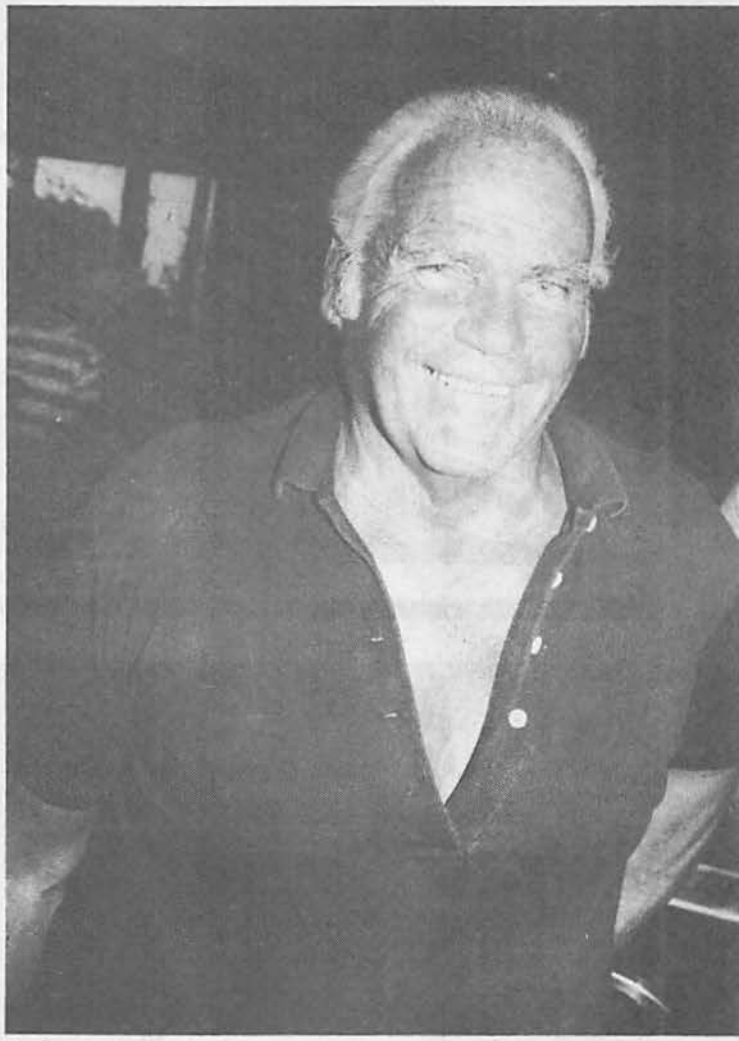
Fortunately, none of the old-timers got the urge to battle it out. However, some of the younger stars were tempted to do just that. On Sunday, I was standing near a dealer table manned by promising East Coast star Sunny Beach when Cactus Jack came strolling in.

"Look at that big idiot," griped Beach, who has feuded with the sadistic Jack for most of this year. "He doesn't even know where he is. Bob, watch the table while I go bust up his empty head!"

I didn't know what to do, so I ducked. Here—right in front of about 1,000 people who were shopping for wrestling memorabilia—two huge guys were about to go to war. Luckily, Angelo Poffo, who was sitting next to Beach, persuaded his young friend to calm down.

"It's not worth it," reasoned the still-active Poffo, the father of Randy Savage and Lanny "The Genius" Poffo. "Settle your differences in the ring, Sunny. This weekend is for the fans, remember?"

That it was. Inside the dealers' area were more than 50 tables with fans selling and trading photos, old magazines, and other souvenirs. I saw lots of fans with copies of *PWI* and *The Wrestler*; I felt really proud about that.



At the convention, Angelo Poffo, father of Randy Savage and Lanny Poffo, headed off a skirmish between Sunny Beach and Cactus Jack.

As I walked down the aisles, I ran into Rip Rogers, who sneered at me and went back about his business. I saw Johnny Valiant, who traded one-liners with Larry Sharpe. And Ox Baker. Former TV announcer Boyd Pierce. Rick Rude. Mike Fury. Mike Durham. And so many other stars of today and yesteryear, I lost count. A lot of these guys weren't even scheduled to be here. They just came to New York to be part of the excitement.

But that's not the memory that will stay with me the longest about this convention. As I walked away from the Ramada and toward the parking lot, I got into a conversation with a pair of teenaged fans.

"We loved it," said the younger of the two. "You know, we go to a lot of baseball card shows where the players sign autographs for the fans. A lot of times, they act like they don't even want to be there. But that's not how the wrestlers reacted. These guys seemed to genuinely appreciate our support."

This convention helped at least two youngsters become fans for life—and made me remember the magic that made me want to become part of the sport in the first place.

Next year's convention can't come soon enough. □

BY EDDIE ELLNER

off the Top Rope

If you wish to contribute to Ellner's mailbag, send your letters to:

TOP ROPE, Box 48, Rockville Centre, NY 11571

When I heard that Ivan Koloff had recently competed, I thought surely some rookie had taken the Koloff name. Ivan Koloff has outlasted about five Soviet premiers and presidents.

[Editor's note: The opinions expressed in this column are those of the letter writers and Eddie Ellner himself. They do not necessarily represent the editorial views of this magazine.]

IT SEEMS MUCH has happened since we last communicated. Or maybe nothing has. Life and wrestling have taken on bizarre new—or are they bizarre old?—dimensions. Ric Flair and Roddy Piper engaged in a feud. IWCCW commissioner Dory Funk Jr. wrestled again. Piper hit Vince McMahon over the head with a chair—and apologized. Another tragic Von Erich death, another world title for The Legion of Doom. The Patriot claimed in an interview he's the equal of Hulk Hogan and Lex Luger. Odd, off-balance stuff like that.

IWA and SAPW keep offering names like Wahoo McDaniel and Ivan Koloff as part of their main events. I think it's wonderful that young wrestlers take the names of their ancient heroes. What? You mean that is the real Koloff and McDaniel wrestling in those matches?

Like I said, weird and discomforting define these times.

Of course, strangest of all may be the fact that I am now "on line." If this monthly column doesn't satisfy your masochistic needs, then you can call me at 1-900-884-4794 and hear me rant on a variety of subjects. (If you're under 18, please get your parents' permission; then again, if you're under 18 you shouldn't be listening, anyway!) It will probably be the most worthwhile thing you did today. Which, as both you and I know, isn't saying very much.

Mail, please!

Dear Eddie,

After the way you've criticized Ric Flair over the last year, do you really think he has a chance against Hulk Hogan? Don't you think he's just doing it for the money?

BEN HASKINS
Cleveland

Dear Ben,

When questioned about his net worth, Ric Flair's accountant rolled his eyes heavenward in a manner that would suggest only the Lord God has a better cash flow than the "Nature Boy." Of course, given Flair's celebrated lifestyle, a few extra million in the till couldn't hurt. Money, though, hardly accounts for Ric Flair's presence

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   (7) WWF Intercontinental champion
4. **STING**
   260, Venice Beach, CA
   (5) WCW U.S. champion
5. **RON SIMMONS**
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   (9) No. 2 contender: WCW title
6. **JERRY LAWLER**
   234, Memphis, TN
   (8) USWA champion
7. **THE PATRIOT**
   280, Washington, DC
   (-) Global North American champion
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   (3) WCW TV champion
9. **BARRY WINDHAM**
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3. **ROBERT FULLER & JEFF JARRETT**
   Combined weight: 457 pounds
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4. **THE NATURAL DISASTERS**
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   (-) No. 1 contenders: WWF tag team title
5. **THE PATRIOTS**
   Combined weight: 499 pounds
   (-) WCW U.S. tag team champions
6. **THE NASTY BOYS**
   Combined weight: 585 pounds
   (1) No. 2 contenders: WWF tag team title
7. **THE FREEBIRDS**
   Combined weight: 490 pounds
   (5) No. 1 contenders: U.S. tag title
8. **CHRIS WALKER & STEVE SIMPSON**
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   (9) Global tag team champions
9. **THE BEVERLY BROTHERS**
   Combined weight: 518 pounds
   (8) No. 3 contenders: WWF tag team title
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3. **LIGHTNING KID** *(-) 200, Minneapolis, MN*
4. **AL PEREZ** *(2) 238, Tampa, FL*
5. **HANDSOME STRANGER** *(6) 255, parts unknown*
6. **EDDIE GILBERT** *(-) 222, Lexington, KY*
7. **TERRY GORDY** *(-) 289, Chattanooga, TN*
8. **GARY YOUNG** *(7) 240, Houston, TX*
9. **STEVEN DANE** *(-) 232, Dallas, TX*
10. **AXIS THE DEMOLISHER** *(9) 303, parts unknown*

USWA

USWA Champion:
JERRY LAWLER
(C) 234, Memphis, TN

1. **ERIC EMBRY** *(1) 240, Lexington, KY*
2. **TOM PRICHARD** *(5) 220, Houston, TX*
3. **DUTCH MANTEL** *(-) 224, Oil Trough, TX*
4. **DRAGON MASTER** *(-) 304, Tokyo, Japan*
5. **BULL PAIN** *(-) 266, Bucksnort, TN*
6. **BILL DUNDEE** *(7) 214, Melbourne, Aus.*
7. **JIMMY VALIANT** *(-) 251, New York, NY*
8. **TONY ANTHONY** *(6) 235, Bucksnort, TN*
9. **P.Y. CHU-HI** *(-) 307, Jackson, TN*
10. **BILLY TRAVIS** *(-) 218, Houston, TX*

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CUMULATIVE RATINGS

These ratings are based on the past 10 issues of this magazine. We have examined our ratings for each of those issues—in our Top 10 and Tag Team categories only—and assigned each position a point value: 10 points for a number-one rating, nine for a number-two ranking, and so on down to one point for a number-10 rating. The point values for all wrestlers in the past 10 issues have been compiled, allowing a maximum of 100 points. Each issue we'll present the top five finishers in each category. While our regular ratings reflect the past month, these cumulative ratings give an indication of wider trends in the sport.

SINGLES

1—LEX LUGER ..... 81 points
2—HULK HOGAN ..... 78 points
3—STING ..... 61 points
3—CURT HENNIG ..... 61 points
5—RIC FLAIR ..... 57 points

TAG TEAMS

1—RICK & SCOTT STEINER ..... 64 points
2—THE NASTY BOYS ..... 57 points
2—LEGION OF DOOM ..... 57 points
4—FREEBIRDS ..... 52 points
5—THE HART FOUNDATION ..... 40 points

UWF

UWF TV Champion:
STEVE WILLIAMS
(C) 265, Norman, OK

1—**STEVE RAY**
(4) 255, Leavenworth, KS
2—**PAUL ORNDORFF**
(1) 253, Brandon, FL
3—**BOB ORTON**
(2) 245, Kansas City, KS
4—**BRIAN BLAIR**
(3) 235, Tampa, FL
5—**FIRE CAT**
(5) 226, parts unknown
6—**JOSHUA BEN-GURION**
(6) 270, Tel Aviv, Israel
7—**CUBAN ASSASSIN**
(7) 246, Havana, Cuba
8—**SUPER NINJA**
(8) 240, Tokyo, Japan
9—**JIM THE ANIMAL**
(-) 254, parts unknown
10—**TOM BRANDI**
(10) 231, Philadelphia, PA

IWCCW

ICW Champion:
TONY ATLAS
(C) 247, Roanoke, VA

1—**TASMANIAC**
(1) 245, Tasmania
2—**JOE SAVOLDI**
(2) 220, Parsippany, NJ
3—**RAY ODYSSEY**
(4) 205, Palm Beach, FL
4—**TYREE PRIDE**
(3) 231, Haiti
5—**SCOTT PUTSKI**
(5) 235, Austin, TX
6—**CURLY MOE**
(6) 555, Mudville, OH
7—**T.D. MADISON**
(7) 245, Yonkers, NY
8—**S.D. JONES**
(8) 238, Antigua, W. Indies
9—**IVAN PUTSKI**
(-) 242, Krakow, Poland
10—**ROBBIE ELLIS**
(5) 200, Portland, ME

GEORGIA: **Georgia All-Star champion**—Joel Deaton; **1**—Terry Leyland; **2**—Billy Black; **3**—Mad Dog Joe; **4**—Steve Lawler; **5**—Scott Anthony; **6**—Jon Michaels; **7**—T.C. Carter; **8**—Mike Cervich; **9**—Atom Steel; **10**—Festus.

IWA: **IWA champion**—Larry Cameron; **1**—Kamala; **2**—Ivan Koloff; **3**—Kevin Von Erich; **4**—Derrick Dukes; **5**—Jules Strongbow; **6**—Bob Orton; **7**—Thunderfoot I; **8**—Honky Tonk Man; **9**—Zeus; **10**—The Gladiator.

LPWA: **LPWA champion**—Lady X; **1**—Terri Power; **2**—Reggie Bennett; **3**—Bambi; **4**—Susan Sexton; **5**—Madusa Miceli; **6**—Misty Blue Simmes; **7**—Denise Storm; **8**—Heidi Lee Morgan; **9**—The Beast; **10**—Magnificent Mimi.

PNW: **PNW champion**—Steve Doll; **1**—Rip Oliver; **2**—Jimmy Jack Funk; **3**—Mike Miller; **4**—Larry Oliver; **5**—John Rambo; **6**—Al Madril; **7**—Mike Winner; **8**—The Grappler; **9**—Don Harris; **10**—Billy Jack Haynes.

PWA: **PWA champion**—Charlie Norris; **1**—Teijho Khan; **2**—Ken Patera; **3**—Ricky Rice; **4**—Baron Von Raschke; **5**—Larry Cameron; **6**—Tommy Jammer; **7**—Derrick Dukes; **8**—The Punisher; **9**—Tommy Ferrera; **10**—Jerry Lynn.

SAPW: **SAPW champion**—Manny Fernandez; **1**—Chris Chavis; **2**—Tommy Seabolt; **3**—Storm Trooper Hans; **4**—Brad Anderson; **5**—Junkyard Dog; **6**—Wahoo McDaniel; **7**—Storm Trooper Helmut; **8**—Tommy Angel; **9**—Pez Whatley; **10**—Trent Knight.

TRI-STATE: **Tri-State champion**—J.T. Smith; **1**—D.C. Drake; **2**—Johnny Hot Body; **3**—Mr. Sandman; **4**—Tony Stetson; **5**—C.N. Redd; **6**—Eddie Gilbert; **7**—Cactus Jack; **8**—Larry Winters; **9**—Cry Baby Waldo; **10**—Rick Perez.

WWC: **WWC Universal champion**—Carlos Colon; **1**—Dino Bravo; **2**—Fidel Sierra; **3**—Abdullah the Butcher; **4**—Kokina; **5**—Invader I; **6**—TNT; **7**—Ricky Santana; **8**—Manny Fernandez; **9**—Hurricane Castillo Jr; **10**—Miguel Perez Jr.

RATINGS ANALYSIS

Every month, this column will tell fans how we go about rating over 200 wrestlers in 20 different categories. It is a behind-the-scenes look at the most important—and respected—ratings system in the sport. This column is vital reading for all wrestling fans.

The sport's top managers. Every so often, we like to stray from our regular format to provide ratings on different topics for our readers. It's been a long time since we rated the sport's top managers—our December 1989 issue, to be exact—so here's our rundown and analysis on the sport's most successful managers, as of our September 20 ratings period.

MANAGERS
1—HARLEY RACE
(WCW) World champion Lex Luger
2—JIMMY HART
(WWF) The Mountie
The Nasty Boys
The Natural Disasters
3—LADY BLOSSOM
(WCW) TV champion Steve Austin
4—PAUL BEARER
(WWF) The Undertaker
5—ALEXANDRA YORK
(WCW) Terrence Taylor
Richard Morton
Thomas Rich
6—TEDDY LONG
(WCW) Johnny B. Badd
7—CHRISTOPHER LOVE
(LPWA) Tag champions The Glamour Girls
(USWA) The Dragon Master
8—TOJO YAMAMOTO
(USWA) Southern champion Eric Embry
Texas champion Dr. Tom Prichard
Leatherface
Miss Texas
9—SLICK
(WWF) The Warlord
Power & Glory
10—TONY RUMBLE
(IWCCW) ICW heavyweight champion Tony Atlas
Light heavyweight champion Tasmaniac

Analysis: Race, a seven-time time former NWA World champion, is credited with giving Luger his new, more aggressive attitude. It is Race's teachings more than any other factor that led to the "Total Package's" victory over **Barry Windham** to win the WCW World title ... The "Mouth of the South" had a sorry SummerSlam as **Brian Knobs** and **Jerry Sags** lost the WWF World tag team title to **The Legion Of Doom** and **The Mountie** was pinned by **Big Bossman**, but Hart remains the WWF's top manager. He's now leading **Earthquake** and **Typhoon** into contention for the LOD's belts ... Austin was managed by **Veronica** upon his WCW arrival, but it was only after **Lady Blossom** returned to his side that he gained stardom—and the WCW TV title ... **Paul Bearer** has turned underachieving giant **Mark Callous** into the WWF's most feared rulebreaker ... York's stable continues to grow with the addition of former World champion **Thomas Rich** ... Long is leading the underrated Badd into contention, but he could use some more proteges ... Love is the busiest manager on this list, shuttling between the LPWA, USWA, and Global. He scored a major upset when newcomer **The Dragon Master** defeated **Jerry Lawler** for the USWA title on August 26 in Memphis ... Almost nobody can understand what Yamamoto says, but his proteges apparently do: He has two champions in his stable ... Slick recently led the huge **Warlord** into title bouts against WWF World champion **Hulk Hogan** ... Rumble's "Brotherhood" dominates the IWCCW, thanks in part to his helmet-swinging tactics.

Christopher Love

About the others ... Here's the rundown on managers not qualifying for the Top 10: **Sensational Sherri** has helped keep **Ted DiBiase** in the win column, but it's more because of the "Million-Dollar Man's" ability than anything Sherri has done ... **Elizabeth**—the new **Mrs. Randy Savage**—helped put an end to the "Macho Man's" suspension ... **Big Daddy Dink** and **"Diamond" Dallas Page** were recently dumped by **The Freebirds** ... Also recently dumped: **"Coach" John Tolos**, the former manager of **Curt Hennig** and **The Beverly Brothers** ... **Mr. Fuji** manages **Berzerker** and **The Orient Express**, but they're all floundering in the WWF ... The Beverly Brothers' new manager, **"Genius" Lanny Poffo**, must prove himself ... **Gen. Adnan** has lost control of **Sgt. Slaughter** ... **Skandor Akbar** has just started managing in Global ... **Woman** is staying active with former Tri-State Wrestling Alliance champion **D.C. Drake** and **Kevin Sullivan**, but she's been out of the major federations for more than a year.

Mr. Fuji

So long for now! Care to comment on our manager ratings—or any other part of our regular rankings? Send your cards and letters to: "Ratings Analysis," c/o *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*, Box 48, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.

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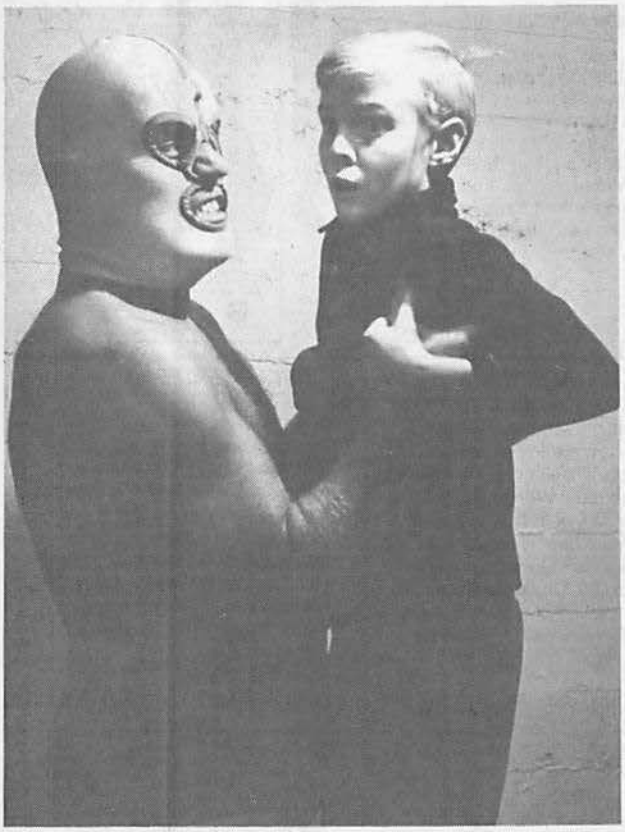
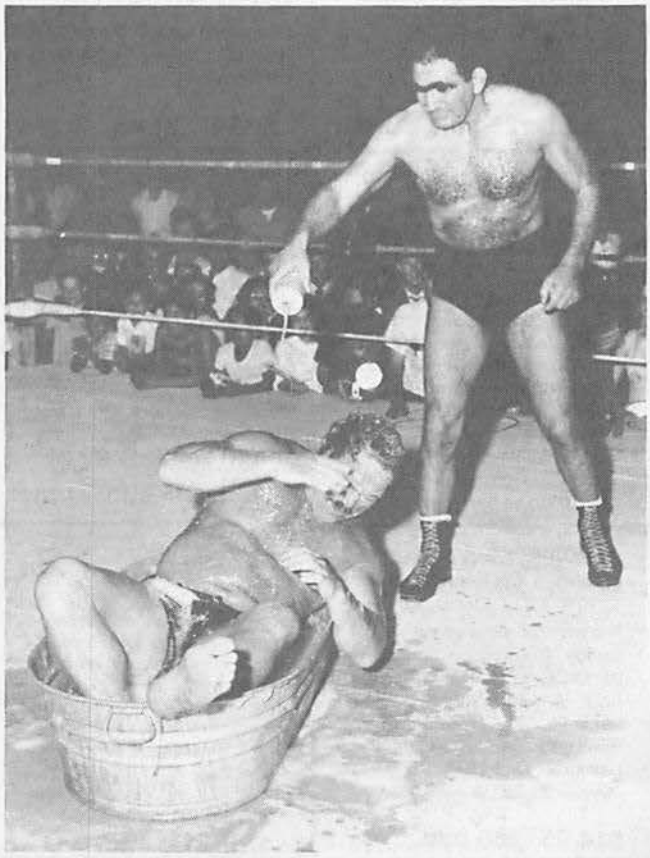


WHO'S THE MENACE?
Young actor Jay North is shocked as The Destroyer gives him an unexpected lift in the locker room area at the Olympic Auditorium. In November 1962, North's series *Dennis The Menace* was one of the hottest shows on television. North saw his young life—and his fledgling career—flash before his eyes as one of the most violent men in wrestling took an unexpected liking to him. Perhaps this incident is why we haven't heard too much from North during the past three decades!

DOUSING A DRIP
"Wild" Bull Curry pours some extra soap on nasty Jack Dalton following their "bathtub match" in Texas in 1973. Since he was the man who suffered the pinfall, Dalton ended up being the man who received the unwanted scrubbing. Dalton's friend, Don Fargo, tried to end Curry's fun prematurely by attacking the wild-haired grappler. However, Fargo ended up in the same drink Dalton did as a result of his insidious efforts.



A NEW VERSION OF THE HAMMERLOCK
Inside the ring, The Swedish Angel was a cruelly violent star of the '50s. Outside the arenas, however, the Angel became just that. The bald-domed grappler started to make television appearances on game shows, including this guest stint on the ill-fated '50s comedy series *Darts For Dough* on ABC-TV. Here, the Angel threatens to lock host Orval Anderson in his own private casket, much to the delight of contestant escort Jane Adams.

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SAMMY WINS A CLEO

"Slammin' " Sammy Berg had one of the finest physiques of any pro grappler during the '50s and '60s. One movie producer believed that Berg had the star quality to become a major film personality, and Berg was signed to a contract to act in several Italian action films in the early-'60s under the name of Samson Burke. Here, Burke woos a Cleopatra lookalike on the set of *La Vendetta Di Ursis*, a 1962 production of Splendor Films in Rome. In our view, however, Burke's *real* breakthrough came when he copped a major role in *The Three Stooges Meet Hercules* later that year.

BOLO CAN'T BEAR IT

It's unheard of today, but during the '50s and '60s, wrestling bears were a common sight at arenas throughout the country. The trainer of one of the most famous of these mat mammals, Victor the Wrestling Bear, used to claim that Victor had competed in hundreds of bouts without a defeat. Here, Victor gets the best of this dual bearhug on The Great Bolo. Few wrestlers were actually hurt by bears, since they muzzled the animals and clipped their claws. But, losing to to an animal was an embarrassment that most wrestlers—including Bolo—never lived down.

WHO PICKED THESE SIDES?

When Superstar Billy Graham began his career in the early-'70s, he wanted to prove to the fans that he was the sport's strongest man—even if he had to arm-wrestle the fans to prove it. During a television broadcast in 1970, the arrogant Graham challenged fans from the studio audience to beat him at the table, and this fan was game enough to accept the challenge. He was also man enough to accept defeat when Graham beat him in three seconds. Referee (and promoter) Gene LeBell put an end to these displays after Graham nearly broke this young man's arm in the process.

DON'T THEY SELL BICS IN ALASKA?

The "Original" Alaskan, Mike York, had a strange method of personal grooming. Here, the crazed rulebreaker takes a Bowie knife to his beard before traveling to a 1962 match. "Not only am I the toughest, but I'm the best-looking wrestler around," York liked to boast. This native of the North was bad enough on his own, but when he began teaming with his brother, Jay, they became one of the most feared tag teams in the lower 48 states.

MAD ENGLISHMEN AND DOGS GO OUT IN THE MIDDAY SUN

During his wrestling prime in the '60s, Lord James Blears never let you forget he was an Englishman of royalty. Here, he sets out with his manager, Capt. Holmes (left), and his faithful dog for a ride in his convertible. "Nothing I like better than to leave the peasants in the dust," said the arrogant Blears before his Sunday drive. In his later years, Blears mellowed considerably, and became one of the finest promoters and announcers in the sport.

A PRO PROBOSCIS PULLER

Throughout the violent rulebreaker's career, one thing was clear about Dick the Bruiser: Don't get near him if you don't know him. This fan sneaked into the dressing area of the St. Paul Civic Center in June 1968, and Bruiser responded by nearly pulling the man's nose off his face! "People who ain't got no business in the locker room get booted out on their butts," growled Bruiser as he led the quivering fan to the exit—by his *nostrils*.

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Who did Rick Martel defeat to win the AWA World title (1984)?
1) Jumbo Tsuruta
2) Ivan Koloff
3) Stan Hansen
4) Larry Zbyszko

Which of these wrestlers was not in *Bodyslam?*
1) Roddy Piper
2) Barbarian
3) Warlord

True or False: Ted DiBiase's parents were both professional wrestlers.
1) True
2) False

Which of the following wrestlers did not attend West Texas State University?
1) Tito Santana
2) Wahoo McDaniel
3) Barry Windham
4) Dusty Rhodes

What 21-year-old was the youngest man ever to hold the NWA World title?
1) Tommy Rich
2) Kerry Von Erich
3) Lou Thesz
4) Dory Funk Jr.

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WRESTLING'S UNSOLVED MYSTERY:

WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR?

Tune in a WWF television program these days, and there's no mention at all of former World champion The Ultimate Warrior. Where has he gone? *PWI* has sought out its most reliable inside sources in an attempt to find out!

Photos by David Fitzgerald

EVERYTHING SEEMS THE same, but the players have surely changed. Turn on the WWF *Superstars Of Wrestling* television program, and in the musical montage before the opening credits, you'll see Hulk Hogan and Hacksaw Duggan, Sid Justice and The Warlord, Ted DiBiase and Big Bossman, The Rockers and The Natural Disasters . . .

. . . everyone, it seems, but The Ultimate Warrior.

What happened? At the start of 1991, this man was at the very top of the wrestling world—or at least the WWF's inordinately large portion of it.

By Bob Smith

At WrestleMania VI in 1990, the war-painted muscleman made wrestling history by pinning Hulk Hogan, a competitor many observers believed was unbeatable. That victory made Warrior the first man to simultaneously hold the WWF World and Intercontinental belts. It also cemented Warrior's status as one of the sport's biggest stars.

Although he lost the WWF title to Sgt. Slaughter at the Royal Rumble in January 1991, Warrior was the only man in the WWF with the drawing power to successfully headline a card that did not include Hogan. At WrestleMania VII, he defeated Randy Savage in a "retirement" match. After that, Warrior feuded with the eerie 6'8" Undertaker, and came out a winner in nearly every match.

Following SummerSlam '91—where Warrior teamed with Hogan to defeat Slaughter, Col. Mustafa, and Gen. Adnan—Warrior was scheduled for a series of bouts with Jake Roberts. But before that series would even begin, Warrior was gone. It was originally believed that Warrior left of his own accord. But as it turns out, the Warrior may have been *forced* out of the federation where he gained his greatest glory.

The Warrior has gone into seclusion, and *PWI's* attempts to get answers from him regarding this strange situation have proven fruitless.

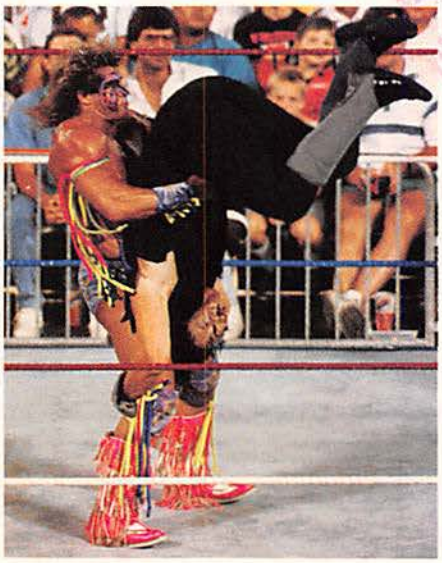
When the Warrior disappeared following SummerSlam, the WWF released information that the Warrior was injured; this does not seem likely. If the Warrior suffered any injuries during that handicap tag team match, chances are the damage was to his *ego*, not his body. When Hogan invited special referee Sid Justice to the ring for his typical postbout posing exhibition, the Warrior reportedly took it as an insult.

"Warrior felt he deserved to be a part of the celebration," said one wrestler close to the Warrior, who naturally requested anonymity. "After all, he had as much to do with the victory as Hogan did. But the guy didn't even shower—he just took off. I could tell

Warrior's feud with The Undertaker after WrestleMania VII was his last before departing the federation.

he was mad—*really* mad. And when the Warrior is in that kind of a mood, there's just no talking to him."

Whether or not Warrior had been intentionally snubbed is a matter of conjecture, but at that point in time the Warrior was undergoing intensive contract negotiations that perhaps made him overly sensitive to the situation. He might well have thought that the emergence of Justice as number-two man in the WWF was hurting his bargaining leverage with the WWF. Seeing Hogan pass up his own tag team partner for a *referee* might have been too much for him to take.



The Warrior won nearly all his matches against Undertaker, but he was beginning to be overshadowed by Sid Justice.

As angry as he was for the moment, would Warrior actually leave the federation over the incident? Indeed, the Hogan-Justice glory-hogging display may only be part of the story. According to several published reports, the Warrior was actually *suspended* from the WWF following SummerSlam for a period of 90 days as the result of the failed contract negotiations.

PWI has not been able to confirm these reports. Nor were we able to determine whether the 90 days would have been intended as a cooling-off period, allowing Warrior to rethink his position, or as a forerunner to an out-and-out release. The WWF does not comment on contract negotiations.

"It's really similar to the situation with Ric Flair and WCW officials a few months ago," said a source. "The two sides just could not agree on a mutually beneficial contract. Rather than just part sides like Flair and WCW did, the WWF is leaving the door cracked open."

But *does* the Warrior want to return to the WWF? From all indications, the answer to that question—at least for the time being—appears to be no. With WWF newcomers Justice and Flair garnering the majority of the attention, and Randy Savage ready to make a comeback, Warrior's immediate future in the WWF was cloudy at best.

But what about other federations? Will we be seeing the Warrior ply his unique ring style in WCW, the USWA, or Global in the near future?

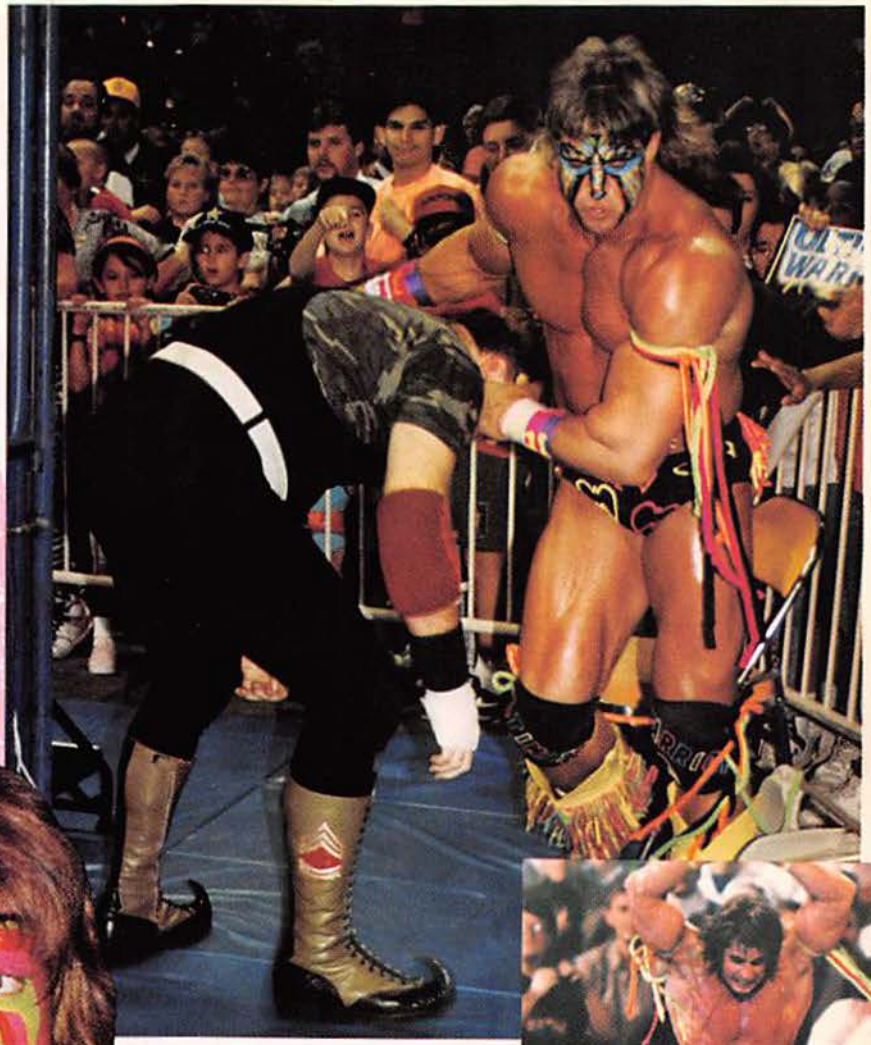
"I'll tell you, we could use a guy like that around here," said longtime WCW fan Mark Sylvester at a recent card. "With Lex Luger as World champion, it's going to take a real powerhouse to beat that guy. Why not the Warrior? Personally, I think the

Warrior is even *stronger* than Luger. And if that match ever came about, it could be one of the biggest draws of the decade."

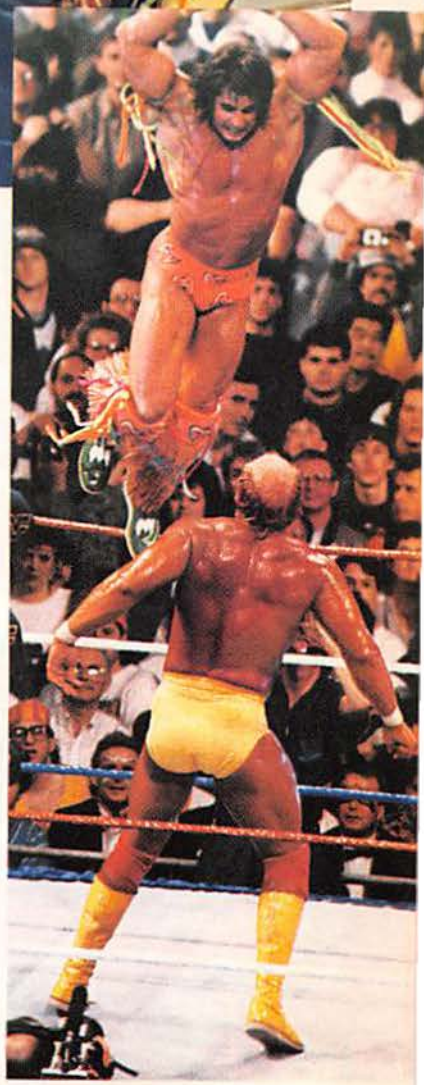
However, the Warrior has not expressed any desire to enter WCW—or anywhere else, for that matter. While fans and the press speculate on what his next move will be, the Warrior has been uncharacteristically silent. The WWF already seems to be trying to make fans forget that he ever was part of the federation.

But wrestling fans *never* forget. The mailbag at *PWI* has already begun to overflow with cards and letters, and each reader asks the same question: What is the future of The Ultimate Warrior?

We wait with everyone else for the answer. □



When Warrior lost the WWF World title to Sgt. Slaughter, he turned his attention to Randy Savage, and beat him in a retirement match.



Warrior's greatest victory was winning the World title from Hulk Hogan at WrestleMania VI.

press conference

RICK STEINER

Rick Steiner wants revenge on Dick Murdoch because Murdoch and his Hardliner partner Dick Slater put Rick's brother, Scott, out of action. At the time, the Steiners were WCW World tag team champions.

WHEN MOST WRESTLING fans think of WCW star Rick Steiner, they can't help but smile. The usually happy-go-lucky, upbeat "Dogfaced Gremlin" had delighted crowds for the past three years with his odd but endearing interviews, his seeming inability to feel pain, and his rugged ring skills—most notably his powerful "Steinerline" clothesline.

During the past two years, Rick and his brother, Scott, have become the sport's finest team. From the moment these University of Michigan products began tagging in 1989, it was apparent they would go on to greatness. The Steiners won the WCW World tag team title twice, as well as the U.S. title.

But now, the futures of both Rick and Scott are uncertain. In June, Scott suffered a severe left bicep tear as a result of a postmatch attack by The Hardliners. WCW officials opted to strip the Steiners of their World tag belts since they could not defend the title within a 30-day period. At press time, Scott had yet to return to action.

Rick has carried on gamely in his brother's absence. In fact, Rick led powerful Bill Kazmaier all the way to the finals of the tournament to determine new WCW tag champs—but yet another sneak-attack, this time by The Enforcers, led Larry Zbyszko and Arn Anderson to a tainted victory.

Editor-In-Chief Craig Peters, Senior Editor Bill Apter, and Associate Editor Eddie Ellner spoke with Rick before a recent card at the Byrne Meadowlands Arena in East Rutherford, New Jersey. To their surprise, they found a somber—and remarkably mature—Steiner ready to answer their questions. It turned out to be a blunt and revealing "Press Conference."

CRAIG PETERS: Rick, it's good to get the chance to speak with you again. And it's good to see you staying so active, both in singles and tag team competition, since Scott's been injured.

RICK STEINER: Well, yeah, that's the way it goes. I got nothin' better to do right now. As I'm sure you guys are aware, I'm waiting for Scott to get back from his arm injury. At first, they said he'd be back in late-August. Then, they moved it back to September, then October ... hell, I don't know *when* Scotty'll be back. Until then, I'm just carrying on the best I can.

EDDIE ELLNER: Awww, poor li'l Scott Steiner's got a boo-boo! Stop feeling so sorry for yourself. This is a man's sport, and injuries are bound to occur.

BILL APTER: Watch your mouth, Ellner!

STEINER: You don't have to apologize for Ellner, Bill. Hell, I've used toothpicks bigger than him, so why should I care what *he* says? But Eddie brought up a pretty good topic there. When Scott got hurt in June, it felt like my whole world had been taken away from me. I'd been teaming with the guy almost every day for two years, and suddenly we were apart. Worse than that, they took our World title away from us. All I could think about was that I had done nothing wrong—I hadn't even lost a match—but everything was being taken away from me.

Every issue, reporters from PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED will participate in an incisive press conference with a top wrestling star. The questions will be demanding. And the answers will reveal the innermost thoughts of the giants of the sport.

APTER: That had to be a particularly hard time for you.

STEINER: It's *still* hard, Bill. I don't think I'll ever get used to competing without Scott by my side, but for now that's the way it's gotta be. It's made me grow up real fast—a lot faster than I thought I ever would.

PETERS: So you're saying Scott's injury has matured you.

STEINER: That's for sure, man. You know, things were going so hot for us at the end there that I was starting to believe all the press clippings. We were the WCW World tag team champs, the IWGP titleholders, and we weren't losing at all—we weren't even coming *close* to losing. Man, they were starting to ship teams over from Japan to take us on, 'cause we were cleaning the clocks of every team in the U.S. And when I saw the cover of the September [1991] issue of *PWI*—you know, the one where the computer expert said we were the world's greatest tag team—I thought we were headed for the stratosphere. That injury to Scott really brought me back down to earth.

ELLNER: What could a guy like you *possibly* have learned from this experience?

STEINER: A *lot*, wise guy. First, I learned that there are a lot of jealous people in this sport. Slater and Murdoch could never beat us—no way, no how. So they attacked us, and that's the only way they could ever get a leg up on us. Look at what happened when Kaz and me tried to win the World title back!

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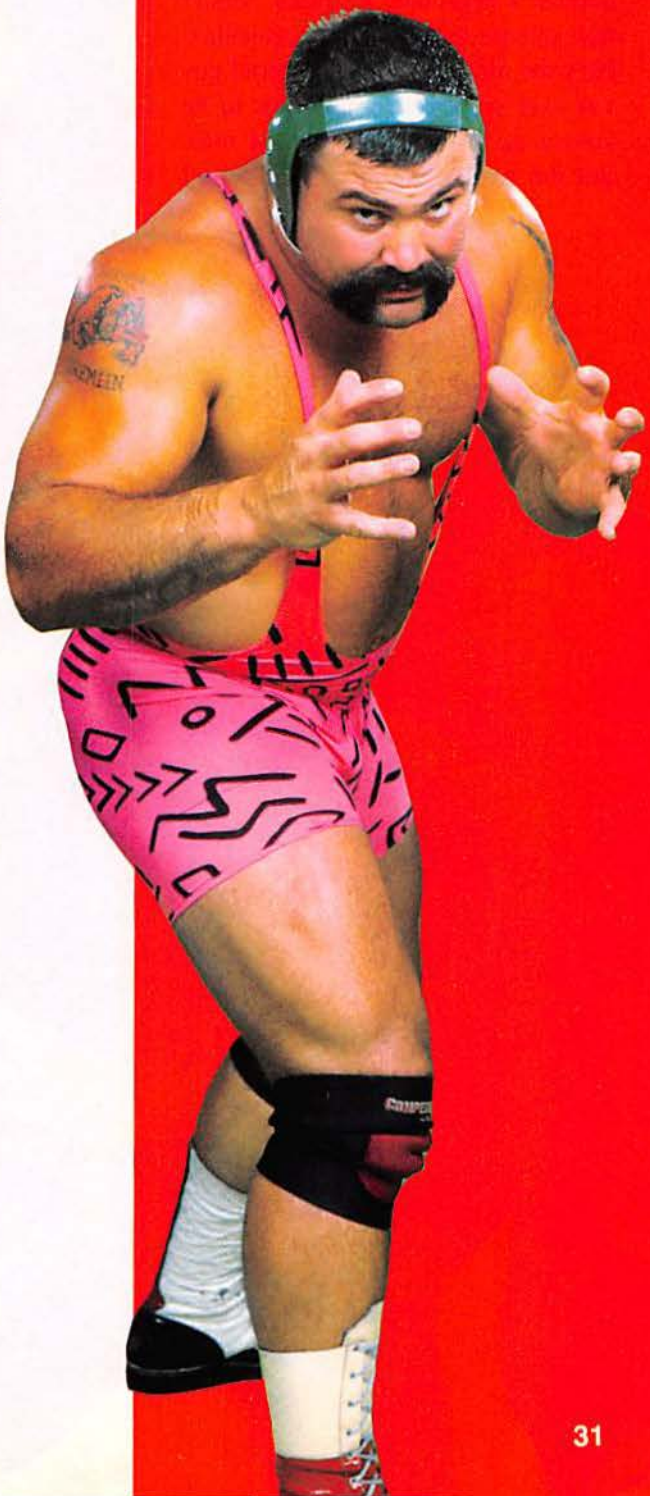
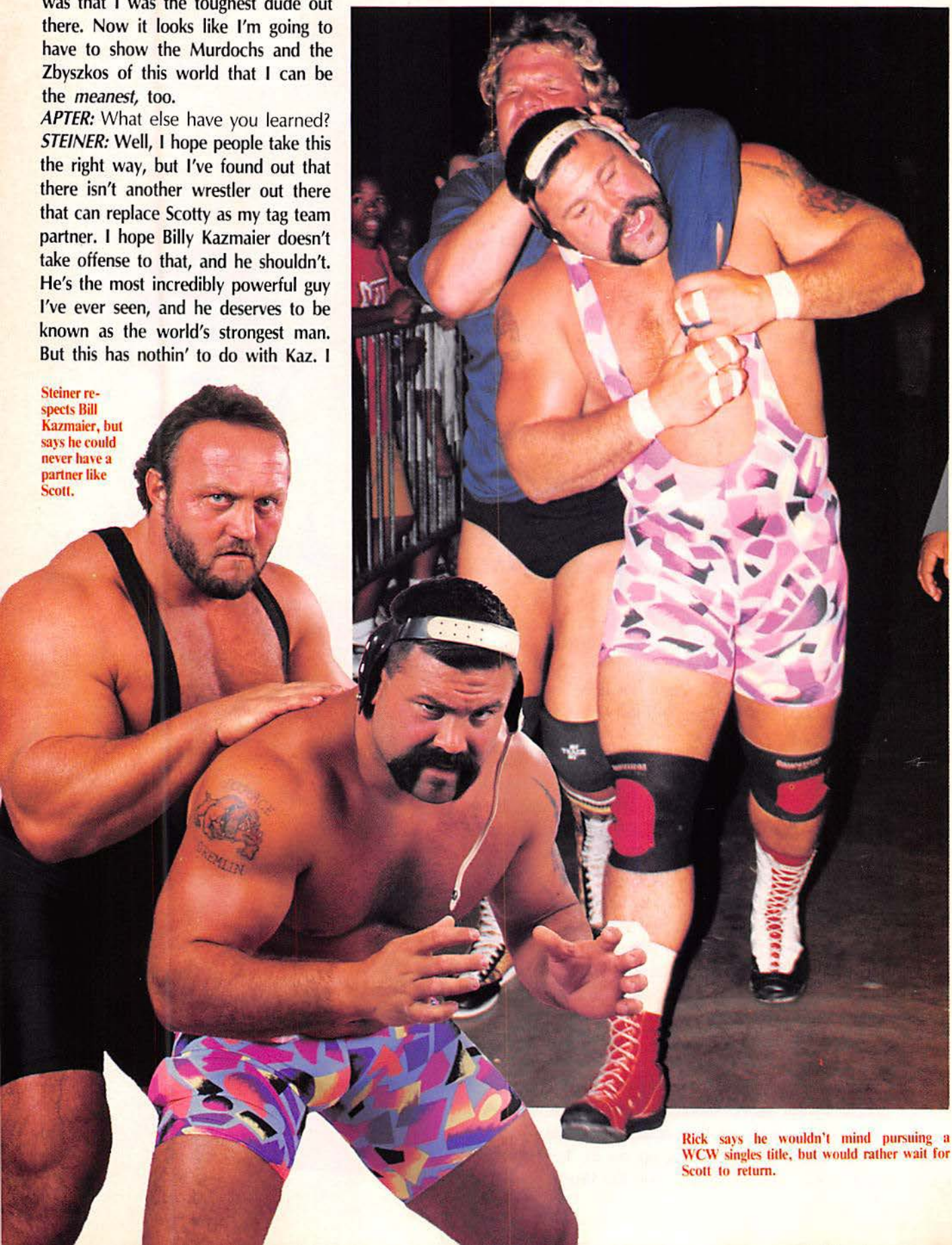


Zbyszko and Anderson knew there was no way they could beat us, so they took the easy way out—the *cowards'* way out. For the longest time, all I ever wanted to prove in this sport was that I was the toughest dude out there. Now it looks like I'm going to have to show the Murdochs and the Zbyszkos of this world that I can be the *meanest,* too.

APTER: What else have you learned?

STEINER: Well, I hope people take this the right way, but I've found out that there isn't another wrestler out there that can replace Scotty as my tag team partner. I hope Billy Kazmaier doesn't take offense to that, and he shouldn't. He's the most incredibly powerful guy I've ever seen, and he deserves to be known as the world's strongest man. But this has nothin' to do with Kaz. I don't care if you gave me Lex Luger or Superman as my new tag team partner. It's just that no one blends with me like Scott does. No other person on earth can anticipate my moves like Scott can.

PETERS: You seem to be gearing yourself toward a reunion with Scott, but there are plenty of titles to be won as a singles wrestler. Do you



Steiner respects Bill Kazmaier, but says he could never have a partner like Scott.

Rick says he wouldn't mind pursuing a WCW singles title, but would rather wait for Scott to return.

see yourself competing for the World, TV, or U.S. belts in the interim?

STEINER: *(pauses)* That's a real interesting question. As far as the U.S. title goes, Sting's got that now, and he's my main man. I hope he holds that belt for 10 years if he wants to. But as far as the other two belts go, well . . .

ELLNER: Well, what? What kind of self-respecting wrestler *wouldn't* want to go after those titles? You disappoint me, man. Inside the ring, you're tough as nails. But during this interview, you're acting like a real mama's boy.

STEINER: *(sternly)* Hey, Ellner, don't you *ever* talk about my mama, or there's going to be hell to pay, you got that?

ELLNER: Yeah.

STEINER: No, that's not good enough for me coming from a foul-mouthed creep like you. When you answer me, you say, "Yes, Mr. Steiner." Got it?

ELLNER: *(sarcastically)* Sure thing, *Mr. Steiner.*

STEINER: Man, look at him sweatin' bullets! Gotcha! *Ha!* But like I was trying to tell you before Ellner got in my way, I think I could take Austin with ease. Heck, he can't even win his matches without that Lady Blossom gettin' involved. Now, *there's* a mama's boy. And as for the supposed World champion Lex Luger, there's another guy I could take. I'd love to pin his shoulders to the canvas, not only to win the World title, but to wipe that self-satisfied grin right off his egotistical face. And to think, I once called that guy a friend. Somebody's gonna take that title from him soon, and if a Steiner can't do it, then I know someone like Ron Simmons or Bobby Eaton will.

APTER: But are you going to petition the WCW championship committee for title bouts?

STEINER: I just don't know about that right now. The doctors are so confusing. Scott's working out like crazy trying to get back, and they say it could be another week or another six months. You just can't tell with something like a bicep muscle, because it takes different people different amounts of time to heal. So I'd hate to go and see the officials and beg for title shots only to say, "That's all right, forget it" when Scott comes back. So now, I'm just taking the matches where I can get them. Plus, I've got to keep teaming with various partners. I want to be as sharp as ever when Scott comes back.

ELLNER: But, Rick . . .

STEINER: That's *Mr. Steiner* to you, boy.

ELLNER: Whatever. What goals do you and Scott have for when he gets back?

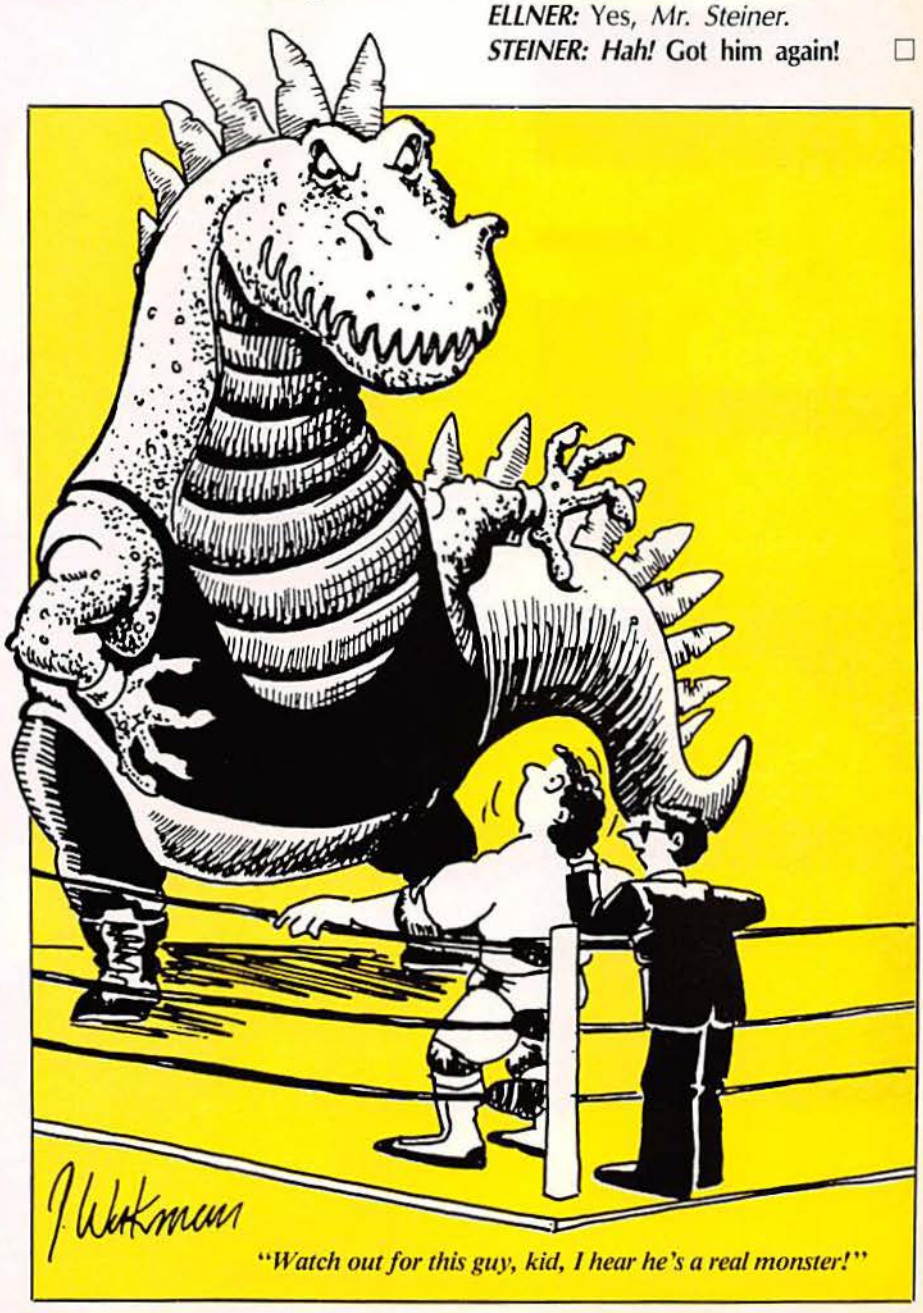
STEINER: Isn't it obvious? First and foremost, we want to get back the World tag team title that's rightfully ours to begin with. Anderson and Zbyszko are exactly the same as Murdoch and Slater were—they're a couple of washed-up old wrestlers who can't beat people without sneak-attacking them. But even more important than that, we want to regain our spot at the very top of the tag team world. Neither of us will be happy unless we're every bit as good as we used to be.

PETERS: I have no doubt that will come about. Thanks for your time, Rick, and please give our best to Scott.

STEINER: I suppose that comes from *you,* too, Ellner?

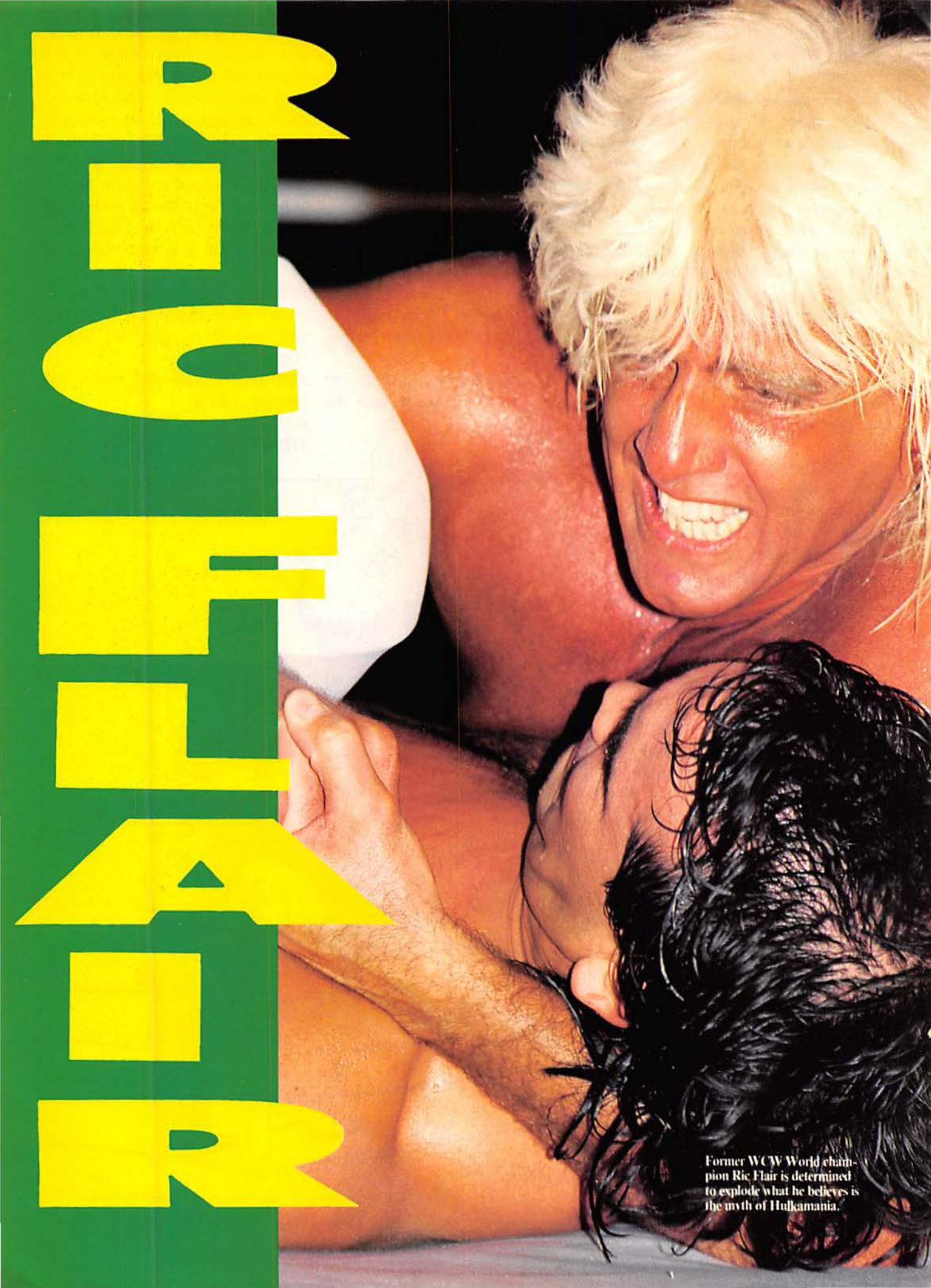
ELLNER: Yes, *Mr. Steiner.*

STEINER: *Hah!* Got him again! □

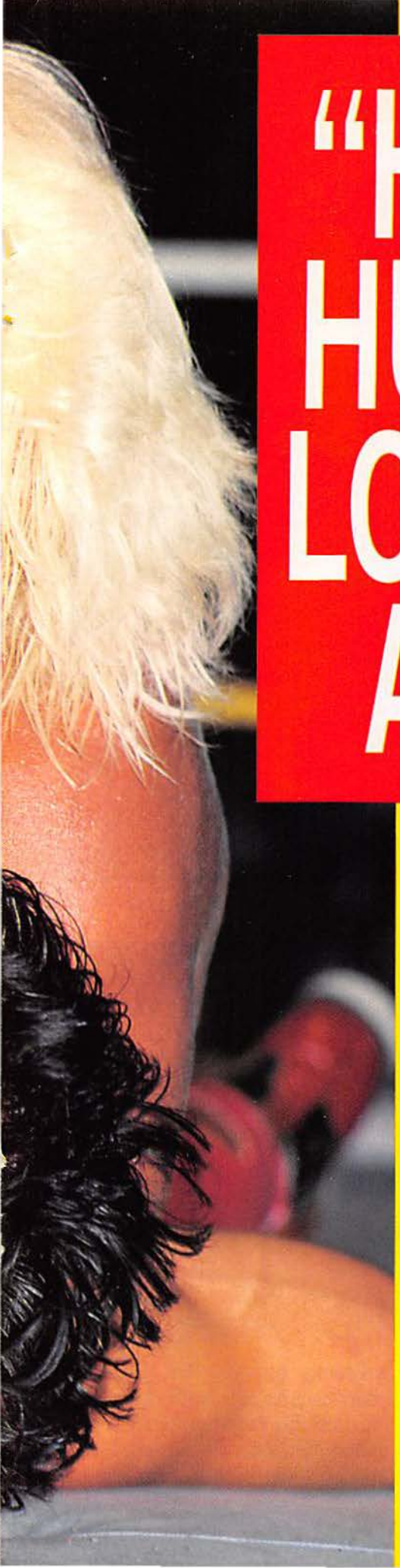


"Watch out for this guy, kid, I hear he's a real monster!"

RIC FLAIR



Former WCW World champion Ric Flair is determined to explode what he believes is the myth of Hulkamania.



"HE'LL MAKE HULK HOGAN LOOK LIKE AN AMATEUR"

After a steady diet of contenders such as big Sgt. Slaughter, The Warlord, and Earthquake, WWF champion Hulk Hogan must now prepare for much leaner fare—and the preeminent pure wrestler of our time

By Liz Hunter

SOME WRESTLERS TAKE their sport more seriously than others. But no one takes it more seriously than a former world champion.

Former NWA and WWF World champion Buddy Rogers remains one of the most astute observers of the game. The original "Nature Boy" looks at the sport today with a somewhat bemused, somewhat hardened eye. After all, he's seen his sport change from one that was once the domain of musky, smoky small arenas to being a staple in every major sports facility in the world.

"I'm not bitter about how the sport's turned out at all," said Rogers as he watched a recent edition of *WWF Wrestling Challenge* at his Florida home. "I'm proud that so many young people today still know exactly who Buddy Rogers is. It makes me very proud. And, just like everyone else, I'm really excited about what's going on in the WWF right now. Hulk

Hogan against Ric Flair? Who could ask for a better main event than that?"

With those words, Roger flipped a switch on his remote control, and his video cassette recorder started whirring. On the screen popped some rare footage of Hogan taking on veteran Harley Race in 1983.

"Take a look at this," Rogers said with a chuckle. "Here's a shot of Race locking Hulk in an abdominal stretch. Take a look at that expression on Hulk's face—he doesn't have a clue about how to get out of it. Now, I'll fast-forward to a section where Race catches Hogan in a short-arm scissors—there it is right there. Hogan's completely lost. Harley should've never released that hold, eh?"

Next, Rogers popped in a cassette of the classic Flair-Tatsumi Fujinami match from the Tokyo Dome from March 21.

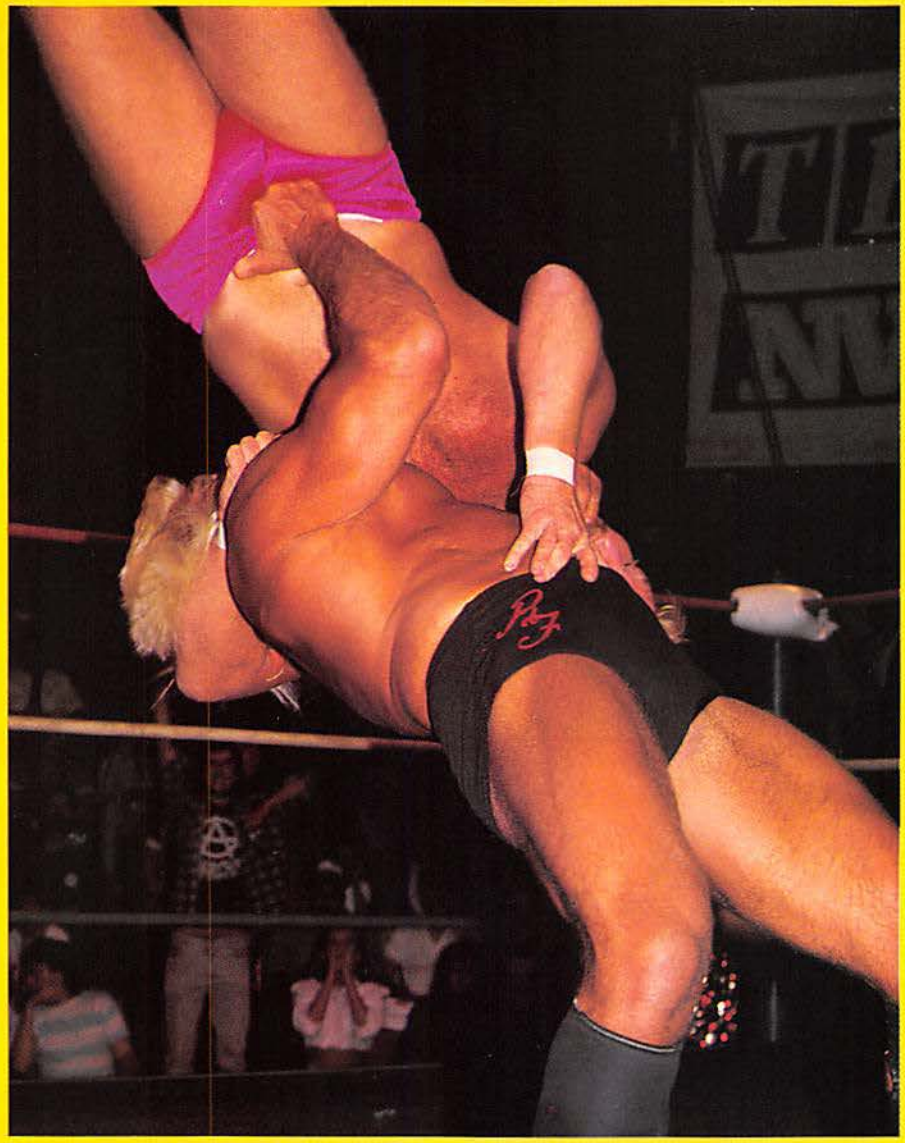
"Now, take a look at *this* action," said Rogers. "Fuji's trying to tie Flair's arms up, but Flair knows how to maneuver out of every hold. Look, there's Tatsumi throwing Flair over the top rope, but Flair keeps his balance, runs across the apron, and mounts the top rope. What a wrestler that guy is! I got one more video I want you to see."

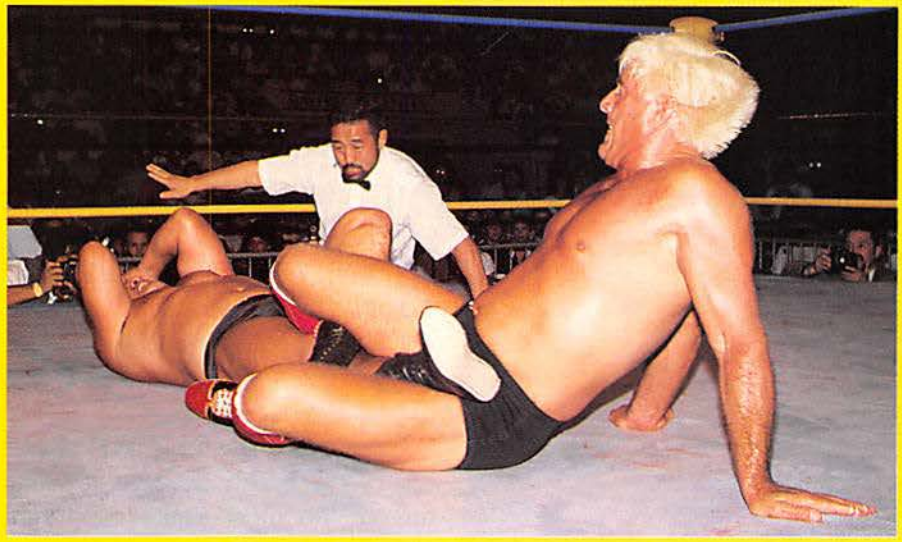
Rogers inserted a third tape, this one featuring a Hogan-Sgt. Slaughter match from this past spring.

"Hogan punches, Slaughter punches," said Rogers with a grimace. "Now Slaughter kicks, and Hogan kicks back. You call this *wrestling*?"

Rogers sat back in his easy chair and drew a deep breath. He rubbed his hands together eagerly.

"This is why I'm looking forward to seeing the first Hogan-Flair matches so much," said Rogers. "To tell you the truth, I've just got to pick Flair—no contest. I think Flair will make Hogan look like an amateur. As far as being the top



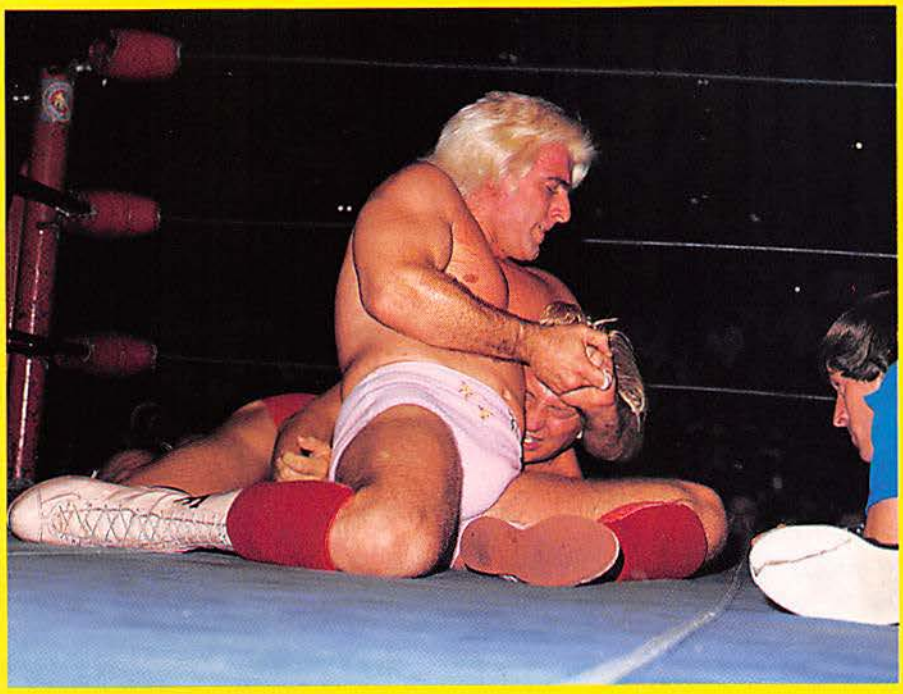


The vertical suplex (above) is only one of dozens of maneuvers the "Nature Boy" knows. IWGP titlist Tatsumi Fujinami is well-aware of Flair's prowess (below).

stars in the sport, Hogan and Flair are one and two. But as far as *real* wrestling skill is concerned, forget it—Flair's the man."

That opinion is shared by many wrestling experts. It's hard for many stars to side with Hogan going into the most important bouts of the "Hulkster's" career. These opinions are based more on re-

Ronnie Garvin, who won the NWA title from Flair (above), says Hogan can counter Flair's science. Former World champ Buddy Rogers has wrestled Flair (below), and thinks Hulk will be outclassed.



cent history than any other factor.

"Flair's a cheat, but he's a *talented* cheat," said former NWA World champion Lou Thesz. "Look at the men he's taken on in the past year alone: Bobby Eaton, Sting, Fujinami, Lex Luger. He's taken on everyone from the high-flyers to the musclemen, and he usually comes out on top. That's the sign of a master wrestler."

Conversely, Hogan's schedule of opponents hasn't been nearly as varied—nor as talented. Since mid-1990, Hogan's foes have been mainly Earthquake, Sgt. Slaughter, and The Warlord—big, nearly immobile men who know only sheer brutality.

"Hogan's always been the guy who wants to prove he's the biggest and the strongest," said IWCCW Commissioner Dory Funk Jr., another former NWA World champion. "Flair isn't the biggest *or* the strongest, and he knows it. Instead, you just know that Flair will be looking to immobilize big Hulk any way he can. He's done it very well against other big guys in the past: Crusher Blackwell, Blackjack Lanza. Flair beat the biggest guys with more ease than he did smaller men such as Jack Brisco and Race."

Of course, these former champions speak from a different perspective than most of today's stars. Men who are Hogan's contemporaries think a different scenario will unfold when Flair and Hogan lock up.

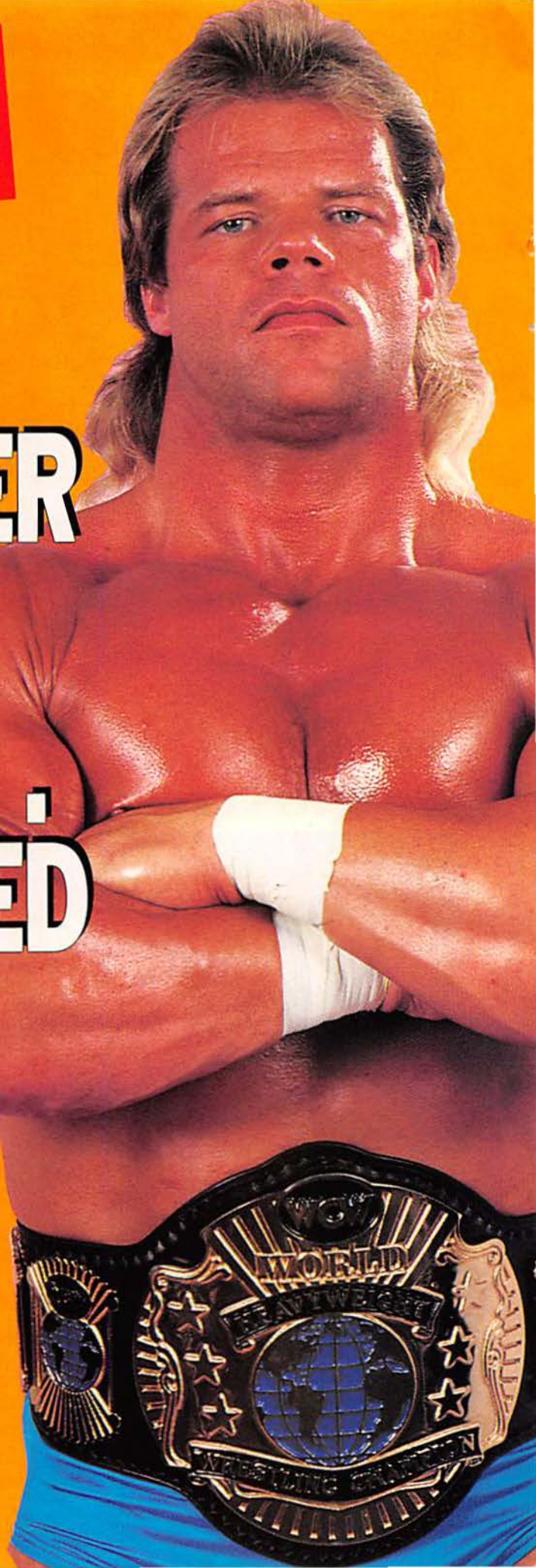
"I have never—*ever*—seen a man with greater will to win than Hulk Hogan," said former NWA World champion and Flair rival Ron Garvin, who competed in the WWF in 1989 and 1990. "Whenever the money's on the line, he comes up with a victory. And this time, he's got more to prove than ever before. Hey, Hulk *can* wrestle, and he'll show Flair he isn't the easy mark in pure skill that some folks think he is."

Opinions are flying fast and furious about who will win this battle of the greatest champions of the '80s. But as far as technical wrestling goes, there's no comparison: Flair appears to be Hogan's master.

Whether Hogan knows—or cares—about that remains to be seen. □

Breaking Down The WCW World Champion:

WHY LEX LUGER IS DESPISED . . . AND ADMIRED



By Eddie Ellner

MOST WRESTLERS SHOW up each night in a prescribed manner—wearing some variation of boots and tights and having a semi-specific approach to their impending match. Moreover, their thoughts and strategies can be accurately approximated: From Randy Savage, expect a brutal match fought high above the ring; from The Legion of Doom, expect a straight-ahead brawlfest.

This knowledge does nothing to simplify the job of their opponents, though it does give them an idea of what kind of punishment to expect. The only ones who really benefit are TV announcers hoping to outguess and educate their audience.

Wrestling is also full of renegades, men whose actions from moment to moment are as capricious and

If you look hard at the WCW World champion, you'll learn

that you can't classify Lex Luger as either a hero or a bum.

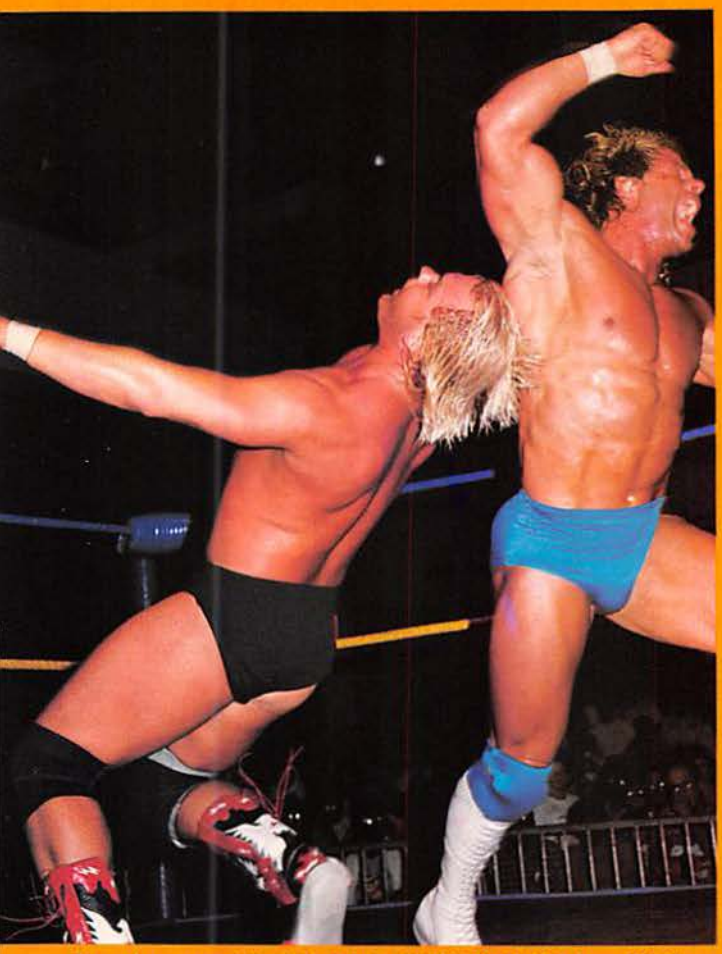
Unwrap the "Total Package" and you'll find a little of both

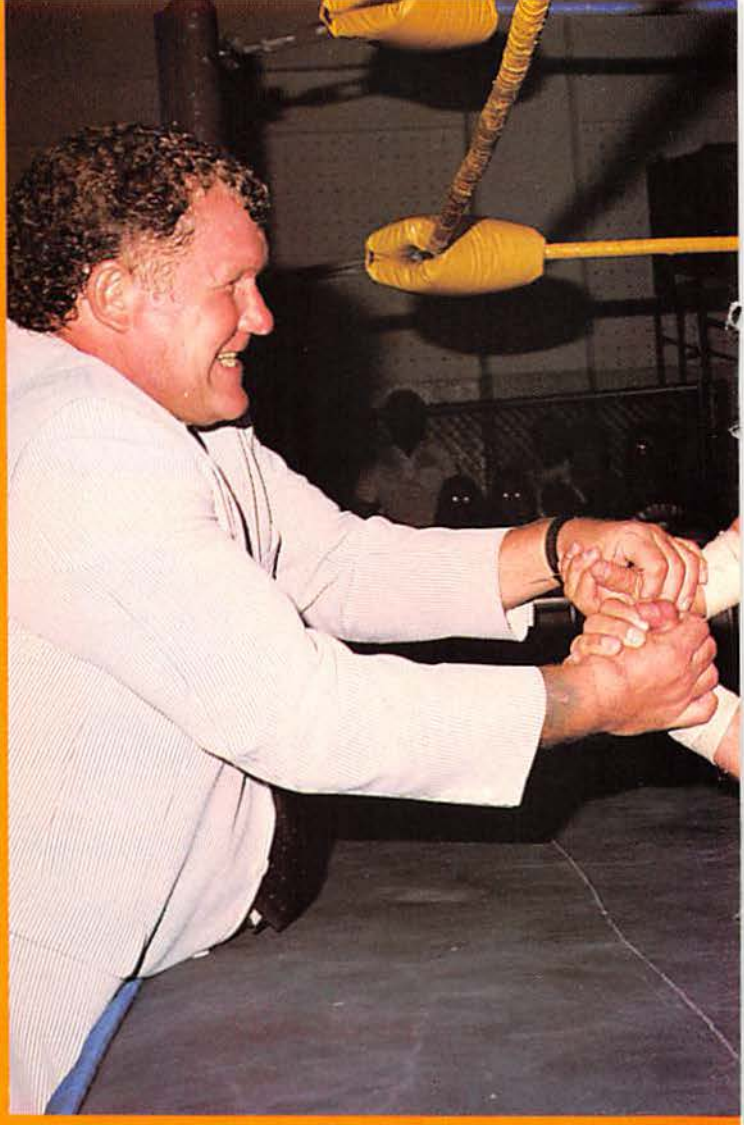
As Luger battles Barry Windham (right), his fans—and detractors—wonder exactly what to make of him.

unpredictable as the path of a tornado. Roddy Piper is one, as was Bruiser Brody. During their matches, TV announcers could be relied on to repeat phrases like, "you just never know what to expect from him."

Into this latter category falls the current WCW World champion, Lex Luger. Since his triumphant debut six years ago, Luger has made a career at not being pigeonholed. He has defied labels the moment they are affixed to his muscular frame. As a result, we know not what to make of Lex Luger. Champion or bum? Hero or coward? Role model or disappointment?

During his latest incarnation, Luger has accepted the counsel of the notorious Harley Race and the interference of Mr. Hughes, a hulking bodyguard who selectively assists Luger in his championship defenses. With his new trio, Luger has courted fan disapproval and prompted one longtime Luger supporter to moan,





Luger has successfully defended the WCW World title from Windham (above), thanks in great measure to his adviser, Harley Race. Windham says Luger's association with Race hurts the champion tremendously.

"Not again. I can't believe Lex is doing this to us *again*. I can't take it anymore. I'm through. All the support, all the love, all the patience, it meant nothing to him. He's a selfish bum without a conscience. I can't stand him. I'm through."

Sorry, fan, but we've heard it all before. Luger's fans are often more wishy-washy than the object of their scorn and worship. The original Lex Luger fan club was begun three months after Luger's debut in 1985. It has been disbanded and revived no fewer than seven times since then. Club President Laura Wolfe explains: "Luger's effect on wrestling fans is unique in all of sports. Some wrestlers break rules and are still admired. Luger breaks hearts. Fans expect so much from him that when he disappoints us, we can't forgive him.

"Naturally, everyone is thrilled that he finally captured the World title. But if he lost the rest of his matches and remained consistent in his personality, he'd still have the biggest fan club in the world. It's his change in character, not his won-lost record, that drives his fans nuts. They give more to him than members of any other fan club give to their wrestlers. When he spurns us, the hurt runs deep. We can't tolerate his Jekyll and Hyde act for much longer."

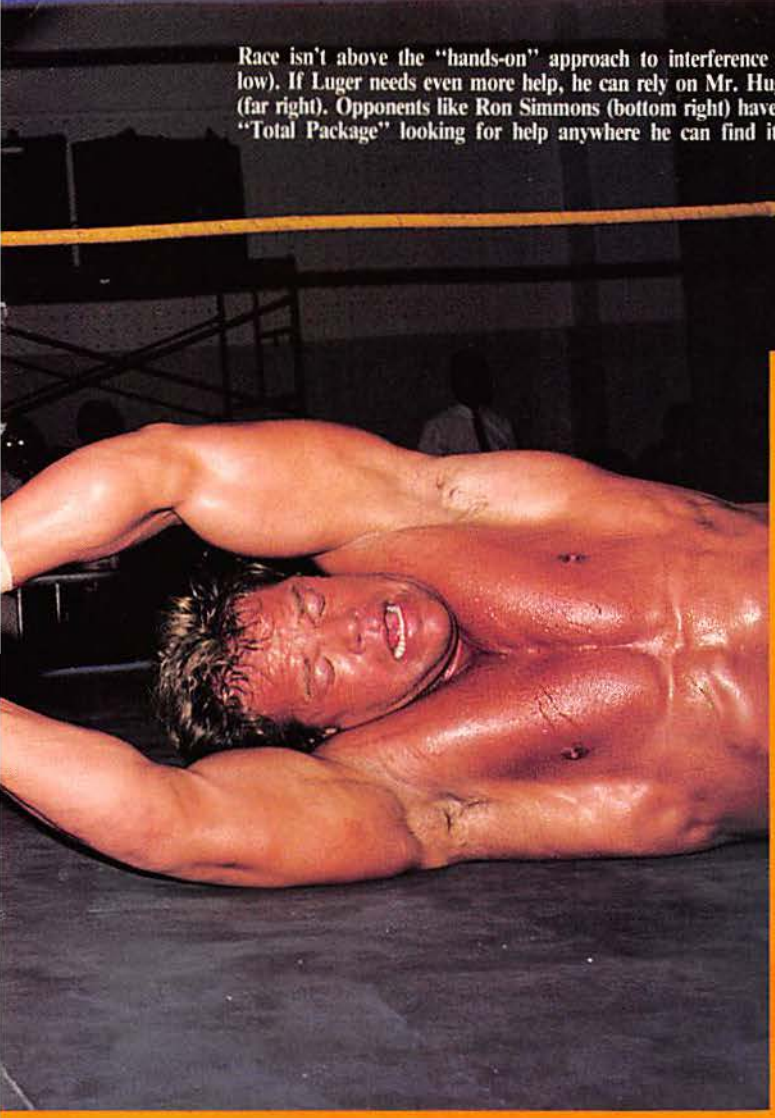
PWI editors have compiled a handy list of three reasons why Lex Luger should be admired and why he should be vilified. We're certain readers can add to the list.

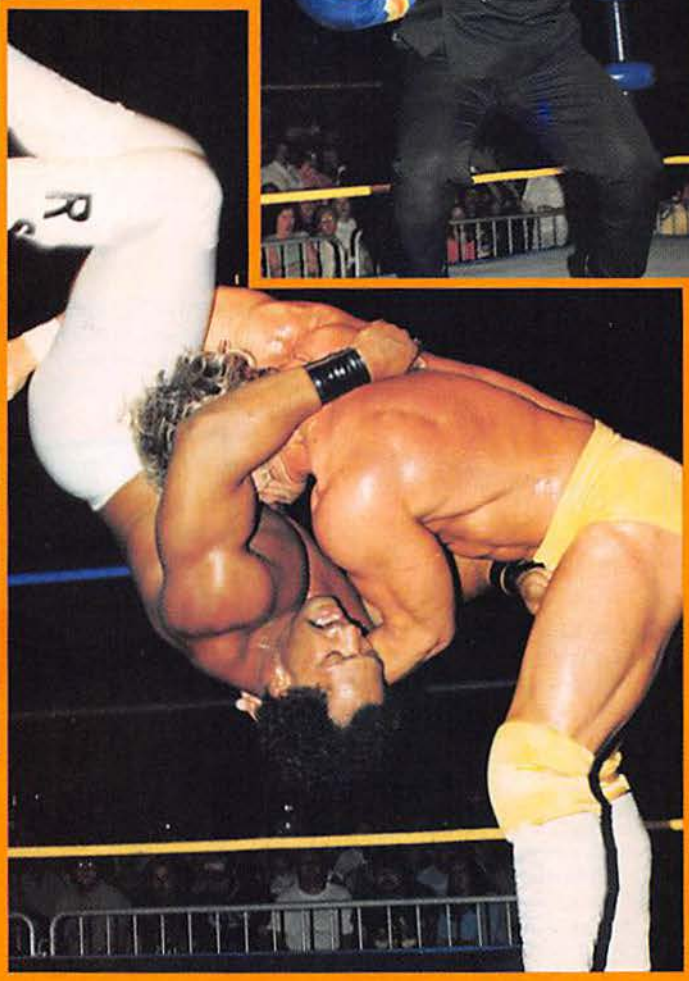
THREE REASONS WHY LEX LUGER IS DESPISED

Arrogance. The old joke applies here: Look up arrogance in the dictionary and there you'll find a picture of Lex Luger, no doubt flexing his muscles. In all of sports there is no one who can match Luger's arrogant contempt for others. Everyone—opponents, fans, the media—have at one time or another felt the lash of Luger's indifference. At these moments, his eyes reflect a new concept of the universe with him in the middle and everything else orbiting around. Luger's arrogance has probably won him as many matches as it's lost, but the distasteful memory lingers on long after the match is over. "It's not very complicated," said Tom Zenk. "He just doesn't care for anyone else but himself."

Interference of management. Suddenly, Race and Hughes were promoted from adviser and bodyguard

Race isn't above the "hands-on" approach to interference (below). If Luger needs even more help, he can rely on Mr. Hughes (far right). Opponents like Ron Simmons (bottom right) have the "Total Package" looking for help anywhere he can find it.





to part-time wrestlers. At least, with one or the other interfering in practically every one of Luger's title defenses, that's the way it seems. "Luger's learning that being champion is not the walk in the park he thought it was going to be," said ex-champion Sting. "With everyone gunning for his belt, he's desperate and feeling the pressure. Race owns him; without Harley, Luger is back to where he was."

Sold out. Luger worked hard to better his image—and his wrestling skills—as U.S. champion. He earned the admiration of his fans and peers, despite his coldness. "Then Harley Race whispers in his ear," says Barry Windham, "and he leaves it all behind." Luger would just as soon piledrive a man on the concrete floor and get disqualified as neatly pin a man in ring center. Funny, that's the kind of tactics he used to lambaste Ric Flair for.

THREE REASONS WHY LEX LUGER IS ADMIRED

Takes on all comers. Luger is a throwback to a more elegant era of champion. He refuses no one's challenge, rulebreaker or strategist. Ron Simmons, Bobby Eaton, Barry Windham, and Big Josh have fallen, in one fashion or another, to Luger. "Lex likes the idea that he can defeat anyone from any background," said Eaton. "It feeds his aura of invincibility."

Persistent. Arrogant or not, Lex Luger has known hard times. If you've been honored with hundreds of title shots and you still haven't won a belt, self-doubt inevitably creeps in. Not so with Luger. "Lex never gave up believing in himself," said Arn Anderson. "Even those narrow defeats to Flair, which might have shattered other wrestlers, never kept him down. Persistence is probably his best trait."

Looks like a champion. Say what you will about Lex Luger's personality—there is nothing negative to say about Lex Luger's body. "He's the hardest-working, hardest-training gym rat in the sport," said one-time trainer Bob Roop. "He eats well, sleeps well, thinks well." If nothing else, he at least *looks* like he's bringing honor to his title. □

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In the final round of the first *"PWI* Dream Tournament" (results were printed in the March 1990 edition), Ric Flair topped Hulk Hogan by a tally of 57 percent to 43 percent to secure victory in the inaugural tournament. Can Hogan redeem himself from that defeat two years ago, or will the "Stinger" emerge victorious over the "Hulkster"? Your votes will decide!

HOW IT WORKS

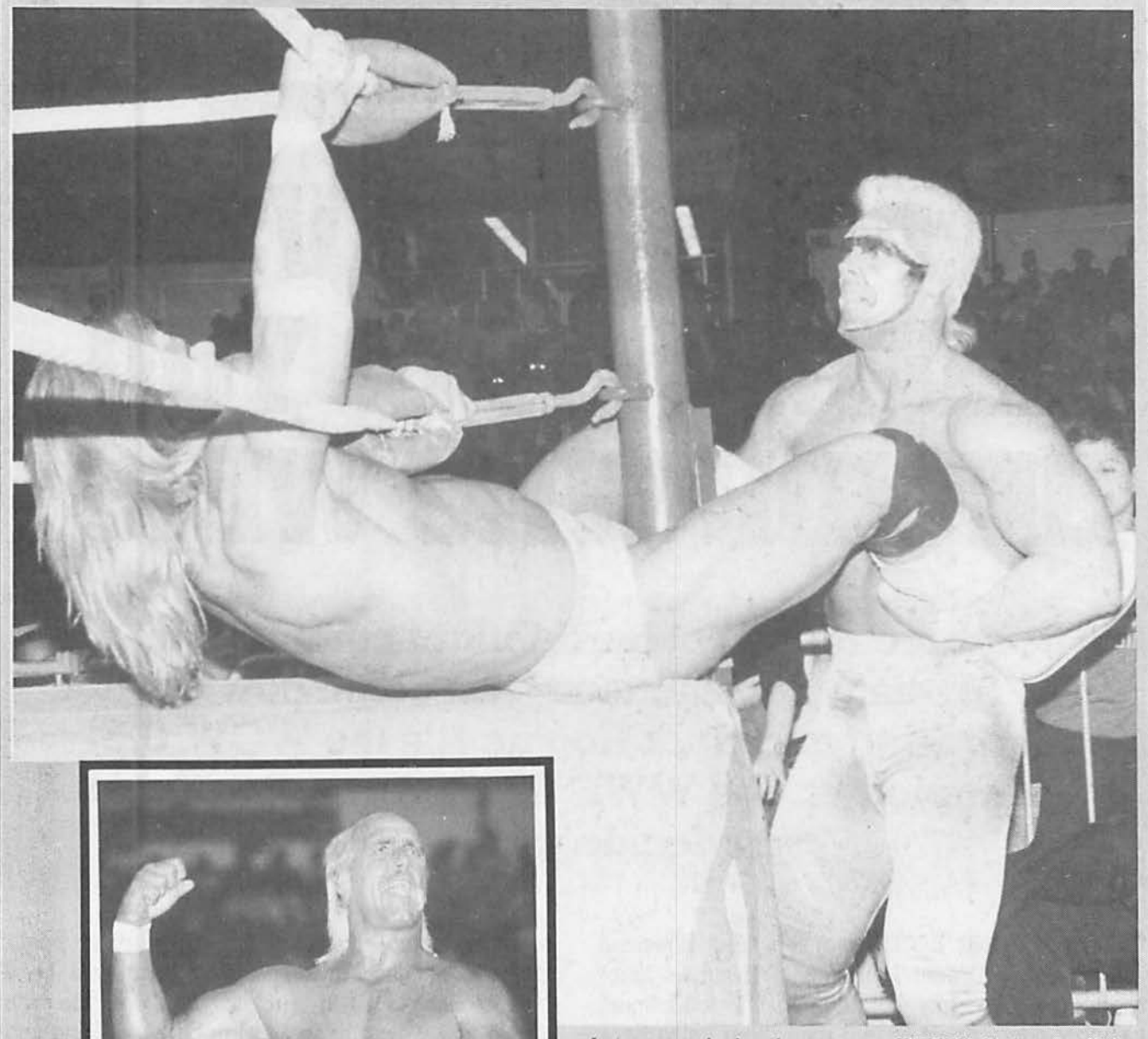
For those entering the tournament late, here's how it works. We've set up a tournament bracket containing 16 of the sport's top stars. There were eight first-round matches, four quarterfinal bouts, and two semifinal matches. Now there will be a championship final. It is up to you to decide who would win a hypothetical match between Sting and Hulk Hogan (additional comments welcome!).

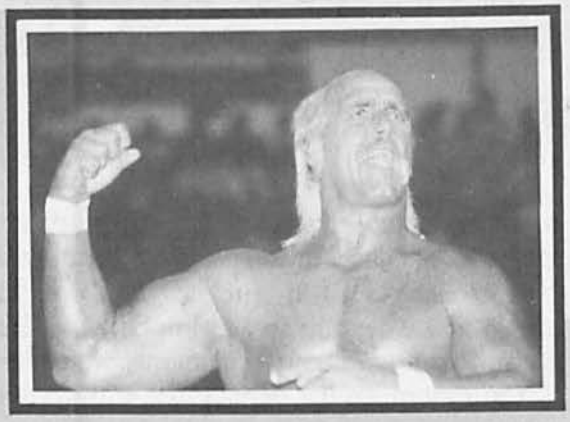
You determine the winner, we add up the votes, and the winner will be crowned the victor in the second *"PWI* Dream Tournament."

Simply check off the name of the wrestler you think would win the match—Hogan or Sting—fill out the form, attach any additional comments you may have, and send it to: Dream Tournament Final c/o *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*, Box 48, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.

The deadline for ballots is November 20, 1991. We'll print the full tournament results in the March 1992 gala year-end issue.

And be sure to pick up a copy of next month's issue, when we'll be presenting the championship final in the 1991 *"PWI* Dream Tag Team Tournament."





In two extremely close dream contests, WWF World champion Hulk Hogan (left) defeated Sid Justice, and WCW U.S. titlist Sting overcame WCW World champ Lex Luger (above).

The results in this round were absolutely remarkable—and could not have possibly been closer. Both matches were won by 51-49 percent margins, as close to a dead heat as we'll ever see in "Dream Tournament" competition!

Sting def. Lex Luger: "I see this match as being a superb contest," wrote Roger Marsh of London, England. "Luger would open the match with a power attack that would have Sting at an early disadvantage. Sting would battle back and unleash his 'Stinger splash' on the 'Total Package' that would have Lex reeling. Harley Race and Mr. Hughes would try to interfere, but Sting would take them out of the match with a flurry of punches while Luger was still groggy. Enthused by his attack on Luger's henchmen, Sting would catch Luger in the scorpion deathlock and gain the submission at 24:51."

Hulk Hogan def. Sid Justice: "A great, great match," wrote Gregory Lewis of Columbus, Ohio. "After five minutes, Justice gives Hogan a series of kicks that bring the champion to the mat. Justice continues to pound the champ and looks assured of victory. At the nine-minute mark, Justice attempts a power bomb, but Hogan manages to flip Justice over his back onto the mat. Hogan bodyslams Justice and, as always, drops the leg across his opponent and scores the pin on him at the 10:30 mark."

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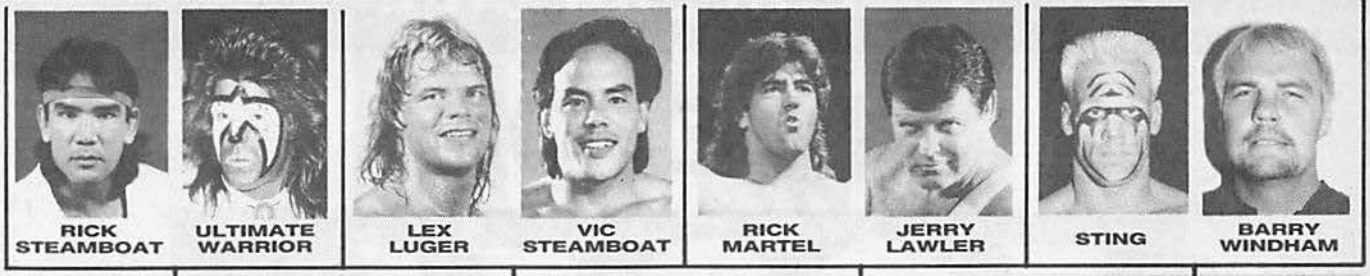

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QUARTERFINAL WINNERS: LEX LUGER; STING

SEMIFINAL WINNER: STING

SEMIFINAL WINNER: HULK HOGAN

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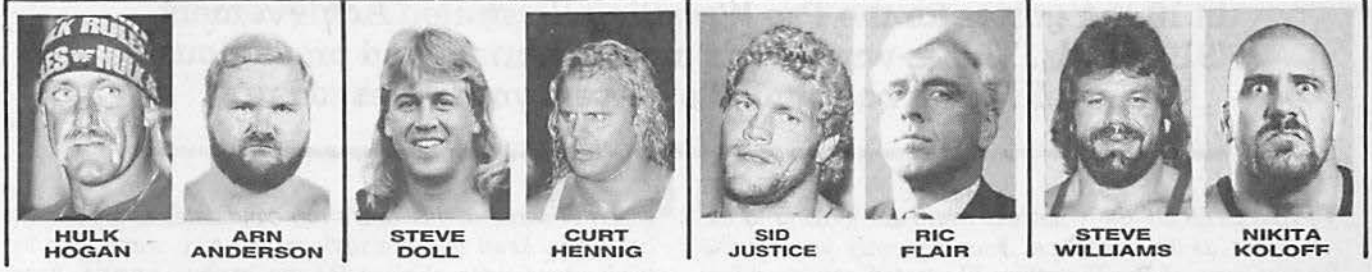
FIRST-ROUND WINNERS: HULK HOGAN; CURT HENNIG; SID JUSTICE; NIKITA KOLOFF



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Additional comments welcome! The deadline for ballots is **November 20, 1991**. Complete tournament results will be presented in the March 1992 issue of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*, on sale December 31. Look for the "*PWI* Dream Tag Team Tournament" championship final next month!

Special Fan Poll:

VOTE FOR 1991's BEST WRESTLERS AND MATCHES!

Once again it's that most important time of the year—the time when we open the pages of this magazine to wrestling's most incisive experts: our readers. It's up to you to make decisions in 10 categories for the *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* Achievement '91 awards. This is wrestling's most important and prestigious fan poll. Don't be counted out—cast your votes today!

THE EYES OF the wrestling world are looking to the pages of this magazine. Because every year, in the January issue of ***Pro Wrestling Illustrated****, wrestling fans answer the sport's most important questions:*

Who were the best wrestlers of the year just past? Who's improved the most? Who's been the most successful manager? The most inspiring wrestler? The most impressive rookie? The most popular and the most hated? Who's been the best tag team? What's been the greatest match? The wildest feud? And who deserves that highest of all honors: Wrestler of the Year?

The answers to these questions are determined by wrestling's true experts—you, the readers of ***Pro Wrestling Illustrated****. It is up to you to cast your votes for the best of the past year—the* ***PWI*** *Achievement '91 Awards.*

In this special section, descriptions of the various categories are included along with last year's winners and a listing of some of this year's top candidates in alphabetical order. Read the descriptions and take some time to think about your choices for the various awards; your choices, of course, are not limited to the top contenders listed. Then cast your votes on the ballot provided and mail it in. It's that easy!

Results of the Achievement '91 fan poll will be printed in the spectacular year-end double-issue of ***Pro Wrestling Illustrated****, cover dated March 1992, which will go on sale on or about December 31, 1991. In order for your vote to count, we* ***must*** *receive your ballot no later than December 1.*

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ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

The man you select as Rookie of the Year must fulfill two qualifications: He must not have been a winner/runner-up in last year's vote (example: Chris Chavis), and he should have yet to complete his second full year as a pro by the time December 31, 1991, rolls around. Make two major considerations as you think about your choice: (1) What kind of success did the wrestler have during the past year, and (2) What is this wrestler's potential for future success? Past Rookies of the Year have included such notables as Ric Flair, Terry Taylor, Bob Backlund, Larry Zbyszko, Tommy Rich, and Rick Steamboat. A vote for Rookie of the Year is a vote for a possible future world champion.

Top candidates for 1991: Johnny B. Badd, Chris Candido, Van Hammer, Bill Kazmaier, Lightning Kid, P.N. News, The Patriot, Terri Power, Chris Walker, Rob Zakowski.

1990 Winner: Steve Austin

MOST IMPROVED WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

For Most Improved Wrestler of the Year, pick someone who, throughout 1991, has worked the hardest to improve himself as a technical wrestler. The man who has struggled to learn several new maneuvers. The man who has captured a major title for the first time in his career. He can be a rule-breaker or a scientific wrestler, but his improvement should be considered to have been not only significant at year's end, but generally consistent throughout the entire year. Tag teams are eligible when both members of the team have improved significantly.

Top candidates for 1991: Tony Anthony, Steve Austin, Cactus Jack, Chris Chavis, Steve Doll, Steve Ray, Dustin Rhodes, Ron Simmons, Diamond Studd, The Undertaker.

1990 Winner: Paul Roma

MOST POPULAR WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

Popularity is self-explanatory: cheers, adoration, and the love of the fans. This is a special award in that the winner is a success in the hearts of the fans, regardless of his success in the ring. A wrestler (or team) who observes the rules, who respects the fans, who is a true sportsman—and who receives the loudest cheers—is a fine choice for this category.

Top candidates for 1991: Bret Hart, Hulk Hogan, Sid Justice, Jerry Lawler, The Patriot, Roddy Piper, Ron Simmons, the Steiners, Sting, Ultimate Warrior.

1990 Winner: Hulk Hogan

MOST HATED WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

The flip side of popularity: jeers, despisal, and the utter contempt of the fans. Some wrestlers openly court the fans' hatred, others simply don't care what the fans think. Who receives the loudest boos? Who has committed the most heinous deeds? Who deserves to be banned from the sport forever? Who openly flaunts his disrespect for the fans and the rules? Those are considerations in choosing your Most Hated Wrestler of the Year.

Top candidates for 1991: Tony Atlas, Cactus Jack, Ted DiBiase, Eric Embry, Ric Flair, Lex Luger, The Mountie, Jake Roberts, Sgt. Slaughter, The Undertaker.

1990 Winner: Earthquake

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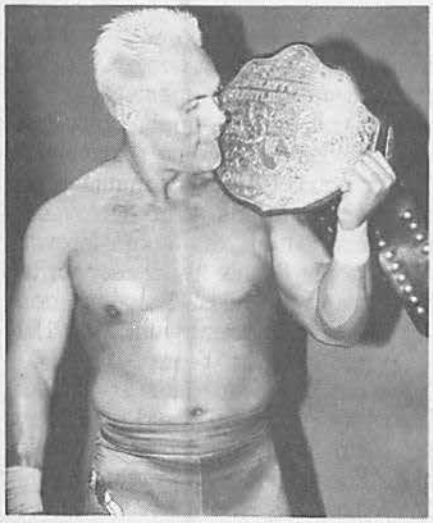
INSPIRATIONAL WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

The sport of wrestling is an open arena where an athlete's personal strengths and weaknesses, as well as his physical ones, are on display for all to see. Sometimes a wrestler may come up against a seemingly insurmountable obstacle in his career. How he deals with that roadblock, and whether he can turn a failure into a success, can offer inspiration to fans everywhere. The man chosen as Inspirational Wrestler of the Year should be a shining example of courage, willpower, and tenacity.

Top candidates for 1991: Tony Anthony, Bill Dundee, Robert Fuller, Hulk Hogan, Sid Justice, Jerry Lawler, The Patriot, Tito Santana, Ron Simmons, Barry Windham.



1990 Winner: Sting

MANAGER OF THE YEAR

A manager's job varies depending on the man or men he manages. At one extreme, a manager offers moral support at ringside; at the other extreme, he can be a complex mixture of strategist, confidant, personal adviser, and business manager. Popularity or hatred should not come into play here. Your choice for Manager of the Year should be that one individual who has enjoyed the most success with his stable throughout 1991. (Valets who only valet are not eligible for managerial consideration.)

Top candidates for 1991: Paul Bearer, Jimmy Hart, Bobby Heenan, Teddy Long, Christopher Love, Harley Race, Tony Rumble, Sensational Sherri, Slick, Tojo Yamamoto, Alexandra York.

1990 Winner: Teddy Long

FEUD OF THE YEAR

Every year there are wars that capture the imagination of fans for months on end, that seem to embody the very essence of the sport. The criteria are simple: Your choice for Feud of the Year should be that one continuing series of battles, lasting at least two months, that you feel has dominated the careers of the participants to the exclusion of all other activities. The Feud of the Year is the war that, in your opinion, provided some of the sport's most exciting matches in 1991.

Top candidates for 1991: Steve Austin vs. Bobby Eaton, Cactus Jack vs. Eddie Gilbert, Hulk Hogan vs. Sgt. Slaughter, Nikita Koloff vs. Sting, Legion of Doom vs. Nasty Boys, Lex Luger vs. Ron Simmons, Ron Simmons vs. Butch Reed, Ultimate Warrior vs. Undertaker.

1990 Winner: Ric Flair vs. Lex Luger

MATCH OF THE YEAR

Every wrestling fan, at one time or another, thinks, "That was one of the greatest matches I've ever seen." If that happened to you in 1991, you know what this category is all about. The bout chosen as Match of the Year might well have historic significance (such as a major title change or a loser-leave-town match), though that is not a specific requirement. The main considerations are action, drama, and pure wrestling excitement.

Top candidates for 1991: January 11: Ric Flair vs. Sting, January 19: Royal Rumble, March 21: Ric Flair vs. Tatsumi Fujinami, March 24: Hulk Hogan vs. Sgt. Slaughter, May 19: Lex Luger & Sting vs. the Steiners, June 9: Steve Williams vs. Bam Bam Bigelow, July 14: Lex Luger vs. Barry Windham, August 26: Bret Hart vs. Curt Hennig.

1990 Winner: April 1: Hulk Hogan vs. The Ultimate Warrior

TAG TEAM OF THE YEAR

The second most honored Achievement Award. The field for Tag Team of the Year has been ravaged by injuries (Scott Steiner, Hawk, and Shawn

ACHIEVEMENT '91

Michaels), and that must certainly be taken into consideration when determining your vote. Experience, skill, and success all count in this category, though whether a team is scientific or rulebreaking should make no difference. An important note: Teams competing regularly in six-man competition are eligible for this award.

Top candidates for 1991: Crush & Steve Doll, Enforcers, Freebirds, Robert Fuller & Jeff Jarrett, Legion of Doom, Nasty Boys, Steiners, Chris Walker & Steve Simpson, Young Pistols.

1990 Winners: Rick & Scott Steiner

WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

This is the top honor. The winner of this award should be the one man who has personified the essence of professional wrestling throughout 1991. Talent, skill, and achievement are the three prerequisites for this category. The man chosen as Wrestler of the Year should be the most well-rounded athlete in the sport. He should have contributed something of lasting worth to the history of professional wrestling. If you compiled your own Top 10 ratings for all of 1991, the man you would place as number one should be the man you vote for. The Wrestler of the Year is the one man who represents wrestling excellence in every respect.

Top candidates for 1991: Ric Flair, Bret Hart, Curt Hennig, Hulk Hogan, Jerry Lawler, Lex Luger, The Patriot, Sgt. Slaughter, Sting, Ultimate Warrior.

1990 Winner: Sting

YOUR "UNOFFICIAL OFFICIAL" AWARD

This extra category asks you to do a little bit of creative work. We want you to come up with your own awards category and name the recipient of that award. Don't be afraid to be outlandish or ridiculous—the more creative the better! Last year, seven full pages of "Unofficial Official" awards were presented in our special 100-page double-issue year-end edition of *PWI*, and this year's March issue will present another hefty dose of year-end fun. Get crazy—come up with something outrageous and send it in!

Some awards from last year: Worst Feud of the Year: Dino Bravo vs. anybody . . . Sellout of the Year: Sapphire . . . Joan Collins Modesty Award: Rick Rude . . . John McEnroe Conniption Fit Award: Jim Cornette

OFFICIAL FAN BALLOT

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HERE ARE MY VOTES FOR THE BEST OF 1991:

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Most Popular Wrestler of the Year: _____

Most Hated Wrestler of the Year: _____

Inspirational Wrestler of the Year: _____

Manager of the Year: _____

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amaniacs" justified it by saying Sherri Martel threw the purse into the ring.

No more excuses: Hulk Hogan is a hypocrite and a crook.

JEFF GORMAN
Akron, OH

A "LITTLE" MISTAKE

I recently heard on an LPWA telecast that Cheryl "Little Mo" Rusa was in a near-fatal auto accident and that her career is now over. Jim Cornette, you blew it again!

Rusa is out here on the West Coast and in the Pacific Islands kicking butts all over. She is presently the PCCW women's champion.

I recently saw her while I was in Hawaii, and I am glad to say her career looks like it's really taking off. Cornette should get his facts straight before he counts out a fine young athlete like Rusa!

Cheryl "Little Mo" Rusa, an LPWA mainstay, is a fine athlete with a great career ahead of her, writes reader Lee Hanson.

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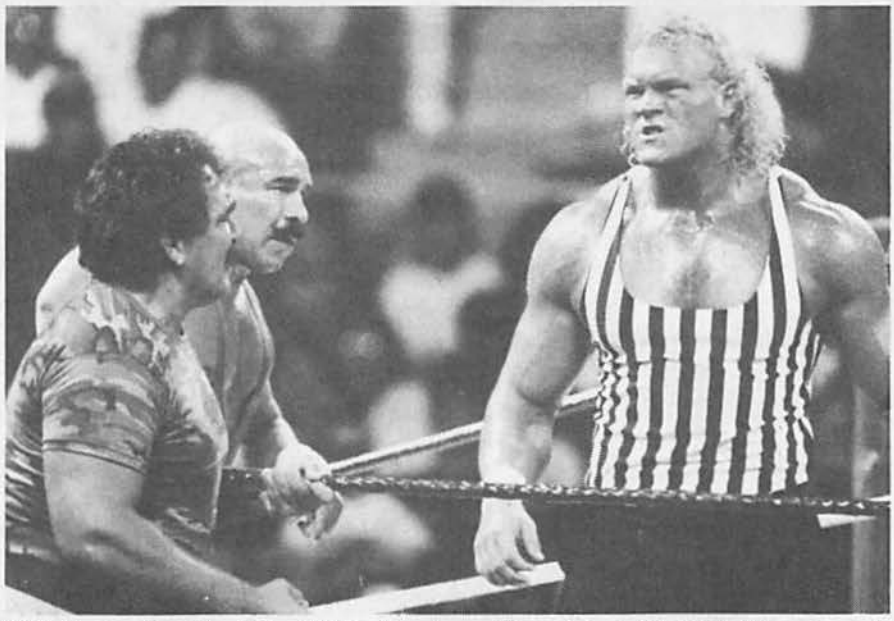
THEY SEEK JUSTICE

After watching SummerSlam '91, I have realized that Sid Justice will be a definite force in wrestling for many years to come. He's now a true fan favorite!

Prior to SummerSlam, we didn't know if he was good or bad, but after the "Match Made In Hell," Sid came back to the ring to pose with Hogan! As soon as Hogan retires, Sid will be WWF World champion!

JEFF SIGMUND
Richboro, PA

With all of the huge WWF rule-breakers terrorizing the federation, I'm glad Sid Justice is around to



Sid Justice is a threat to all the WWF rulebreakers, and especially to The Undertaker, says reader Carlo Ang. Carlo points out that Undertaker replaced Justice in The Skyscrapers.

turn the tide. I fully support his change of attitude.

Sid's sudden arrival has already made Earthquake tremble, and now Sid has another person to target in The Undertaker. Beating that big man would not only gain Sid the fans' respect, but it would also settle an old grudge. Does anyone remember who replaced Sid in The Skyscrapers?

It's time to see the power bomb vs. the tombstone!

CARLO ANG
Happy Valley, Hong Kong

A TRUE SPORTSMAN

It's not every day you hear a story about a wrestler who thinks more about the dignity of his accomplishments than pure greed. When I read about how The Patriot won the Global North American title and then returned it because his opponent—Al Perez—had his foot on the ropes, I was so impressed.

The Patriot obviously was confident that he could win the belt legitimately in a second match. But more important, he offered a stunning contrast to an attitude that is running rampant throughout not only pro wrestling, but society as a whole.

This man has a fan for life.

ROB LESLIE
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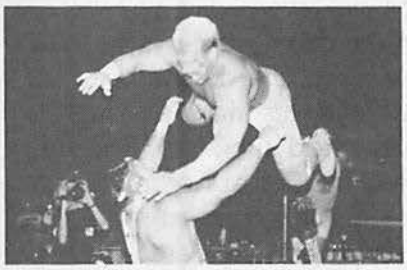

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Although Hennig and Race won three AWA World tag team titles in the '60s, they wanted everyone to believe that their exploits outside the ring were really the ones worth noting.

"About a minute later, the Mako started her charge. My heart was beating 100 miles an hour. The shark was about 40 yards away when Harley told me to steer the boat left. That big sucker barely missed us, and as she passed, Harley thrust the harpoon at her, hitting her square in the eye. She went under in a cloud of blood, came up a couple of more times, then went down for good.

"And that's why I'm standing here today," Hennig concluded. "Because Harley Race, aside from being the great wrestler we honor here tonight, is a damn good shot. Ladies and gentlemen, my friend, Harley Race."

At the time, I thought it was the greatest story I had ever heard. It made me proud to be a Race fan. I choose to ignore the fact that he was a notorious rulebreaker. I was convinced that everyone would see what a great guy he really was, once the story of his amazing exploit got around.

But it never did. None of my friends believed the story, and apparently, no one in attendance that night did either, because I never saw it anywhere in print. Recently, I asked Bill Apter if he remembered it.

"Oh, that old story?" he said skeptically. "Who could take seriously anything out of the mouth of Larry Hennig? We all just laughed it off and forgot about it. A typical wrestler's tall tale."

Neither Race nor Hennig would return my repeated calls when I attempted to ask them about their "day at sea." Still, it's a good story. True or not, it reminds me of a time when analyzing every hold, maneuver, and motive was a lot less important than just having fun. □

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January 1984/COLOR PINUP: Harley Race. **Rick Martel,** Snuka, Freebirds, Dillon, Sawyer.

February 1984/COLOR PINUP: Jim Garvin & Sunshine. **Greg Valentine,** Super Destroyer, Race, Sawyer, Abdullah.

June 1984/COLOR PINUP: Dick Slater. **Ted DiBiase,** Wrestling II, Magnum T.A., Patera, Hogan.

July 1984/COLOR PINUP: Paul Ellering. **Jimmy Valiant,** JYD, Fab Ones, Gagne, Windham.

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January 1985/COLOR PINUP: Tito Santana. **Road Warriors,** Billy Jack, Hayes, 1984 fan ballot.

February 1985/COLOR PINUP: Magnum T.A. **Rick Martel,** Hogan, Backlund, Ellering.

April 1985/COLOR PINUP: Ronnie Garvin, **Jimmy Snuka**, Warriors, Gordy, Flair, Rhodes.

June 1985/COLOR PINUP: Barry Windham. **Dusty Rhodes,** Slaughter, Hogan, Von Erich, T.A.

September 1985/COLOR PINUP: Junkyard Dog. **Magnum T.A,** Von Erich, Hogan, AWA scouting reports.

October 1985/COLOR PINUP: Chris Adams. **Rick Steamboat,** Warriors, Nikita, WWF scouting reports.

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May 1986/COLOR PINUP: Rick Steamboat. **Road Warriors,** Humongous, Bulldogs, Hansen vs. Martel.

June 1986/COLOR PINUP: Kevin Von Erich. **Hulk Hogan,** Adams, Duggan, Scott Hall.

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January 1987/COLOR PINUP: Fabulous Freebirds. **Roddy Piper,** Nikita vs. T.A., Snuka, Simpson.

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May 1987/COLOR PINUP: Steve Williams. **Andre-Hogan,** UWF Tourny, Albano, Cornette, Dynamite Kid, Kerry.

June 1987/COLOR PINUP: Hulk Hogan. **Magnum T.A.,** Can-Ams, Warriors, Freebirds, Hall.

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August 1987/COLOR PINUP: Jim Garvin & Precious. **Hogan-Andre,** Warriors, Windham-Flair, Gordy, Bigelow.

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April 1988/COLOR PINUP: Rick Martel. **Lex Luger,** Flair-Garvin, Kerry, Survivor Series, Iron Sheik.

May 1988/COLOR PINUP: Sting. **Andre,** Valentine-Beefcake, Flair, Cornette, Owen Hart.

June 1988/COLOR PINUP: Tully Blanchard. **Hulk Hogan,** Muraco, Perez, Rockers, Bunkhouse Stampede.

July 1988/COLOR PINUP: Curt Hennig. **Hogan vs. Andre,** Express vs. Rockers, Beefcake, Perez, Rotundo-Sting.

August 1988/COLOR PINUP: Al Perez. **Savage & Hogan,** Gilbert-Lawler, Four Horsemen, Kerry Von Erich.

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September 1990/PINUP: Rick & Scott Steiner. COLOR FEATURES: Sting, Hogan, Horsemen, Hennig.

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November 1990/PINUP: Legion of Doom. COLOR FEATURES: Rude-Warrior, Sting beats Flair.

December 1990/PINUP: Sting. COLOR FEATURES: Doom, Horsemen, Legion of Doom, Kerry, Slaughter.

January 1991/PINUP: Kerry Von Erich. COLOR FEATURES: WWF vs. NWA, Hogan, Hansen, Sting, Sherri.

February 1991/PINUP: 1991 calendar. COLOR FEATURES: Scott Steiner, Vicious vs. Luger, Rhodes vs. DiBiase.

April 1991/PINUP: Tom Zenk. COLOR FEATURES: Sgt. Slaughter, Hogan & Warrior, Magnum T.A., Lawler-Gilbert.

May 1991/PINUP: Arn Anderson. COLOR FEATURES: Hogan, Rude, Flair-Sting, Thesz.

June 1991/PINUP: Hacksaw Duggan. COLOR FEATURES: Hogan, Doom, Horsemen, Steiner.

July 1991/PINUP: Brian Pillman. COLOR FEATURES: Luger, Demolition, Hogan, Embry, Horsemen-Vicious.

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KING: You don't want to give him that, it's not like the WBA and the WBC in boxing.

McMAHON: No, it's not really. We're competing, you know, and I want to keep that vast disparity, that difference . . .

KING: Would you like to get this kid, what's his name?

McMAHON: Ric Flair?

KING: Would you like to get him with the WWF?

McMAHON: Sure would. He's a fine athlete.

Though former NWA/WCW World champion Ric Flair (above left) and WWF World titlist Hulk Hogan (above right) may both be past their primes, they are still capable of having a fantastic bout.

KING: Then let's take it into that presumption. How well would he do if he were signed with you and fighting Hogan?

McMAHON: Well, you know, again it's mere supposition, but if he came to the WWF I doubt very seriously if a match like that would be made, because Ric Flair, where he does have fabulous athletic skills, is about 225 pounds and I think about 5'10". Notwithstanding his scientific skills, I just don't think he could measure up to Hogan, who is 6'8" and 330 pounds.

* * *

Some random thoughts on a matchup that, until recently, was unthinkable to everybody whose initials aren't VM:

After writing in my "Notebook" column in *Inside Wrestling* that the match isn't worthy of its hype because both wrestlers are past their primes, I began to think about "The Thrilla In Manila," the third fight between Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier. Ali at the time was 33 and Frazier was 31 and everyone was saying that they were past their primes. Well, "The Thrilla In Manila" was one of the greatest fights in the history of boxing. A good battle is waged as much with the heart and soul of men as it is with power and speed. Hogan and Flair are certainly not lacking in the heart and soul department . . . The real pressure is on Hogan. Hogan is viewed by most of the world as the sport's dominant wrestler over the past 10 years. If he loses cleanly to Flair, his fans will have no choice but to assume that Flair was the better man all these years. If Flair loses, his fans will insist that their wrestler was past his prime and that he was still the better man through the years . . . Flair has a huge advantage in advance scouting. If he's seen one Hulk Hogan match, he'll know exactly what to expect . . . If Roddy Piper beats Flair and blows the megabucks Flair-Hogan showdown, Vince McMahon is going to hit *him* over the head with a chair! □

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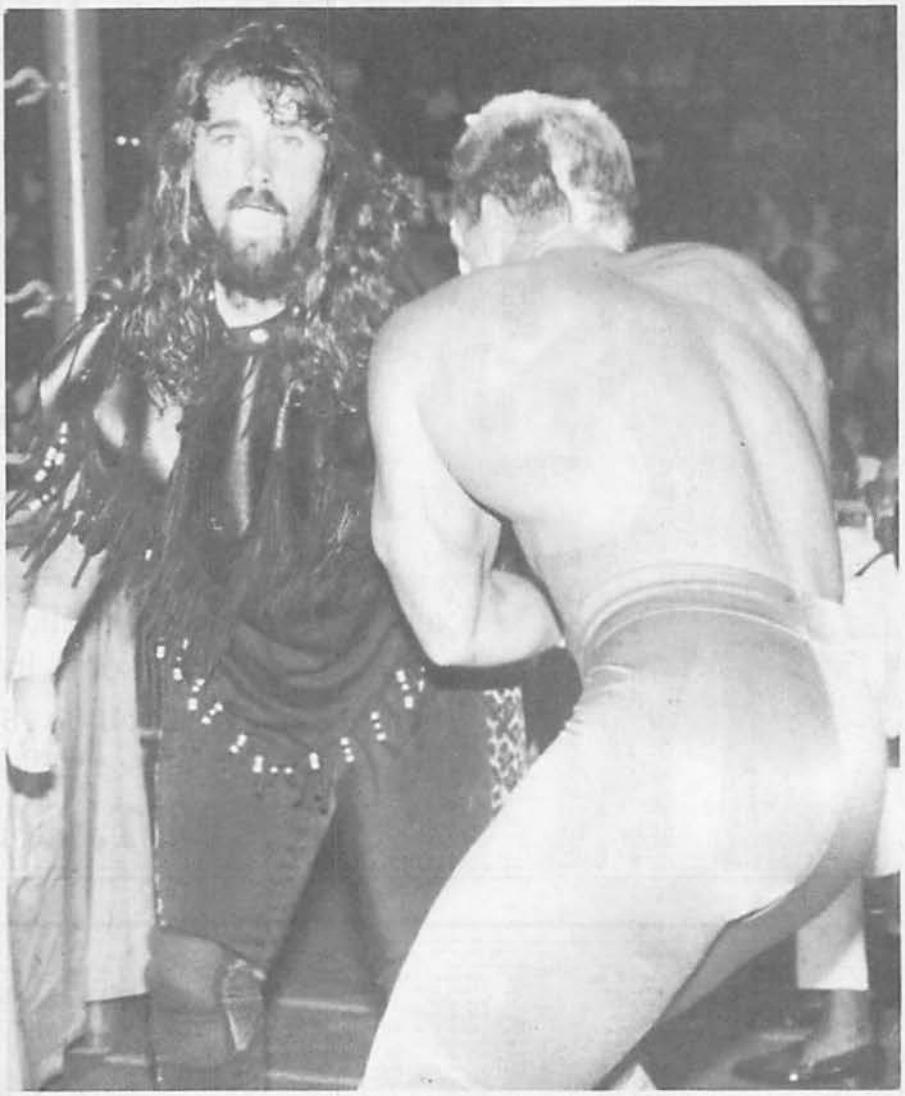


WCW U.S. champion Sting says he'll wrestle Cactus Jack (and Abdullah the Butcher) as often as he has to in order to discover who's behind the plot to spook him.

wrestling Jack and Abdullah, and I'm going to keep winning. Maybe then I'll find out who's responsible for this garbage."

Cactus Jack admits he's being paid by an unnamed source to attack Sting, but he also covets Sting's U.S. championship.

"I want that belt!" howled the gap-toothed wrestler. "For months now, people have been calling me the hottest young wrestler in the sport. It's about time! But all the plaudits don't mean a thing without some gold around my waist. Not only am I going to beat Sting, I'm going to wipe him out. That way, I end up double-rich! **Nobody** can stop a Jack attack!"

Although the source of Jack's new-found wealth is still a mystery, it's clear that the Sting-Jack bouts are the wildest seen in WCW in a long time. Thus far, Sting and Jack have belted each other with trash cans, chairs, even trays full of soda pop. It's Jack's most violent series of bouts since his sickeningly bloody matches with **Eddie Gilbert** earlier in 1991.

Speaking of Gilbert, he's returned to full-time action in the Global Wrestling Federation. The vile-as-ever "Hot Stuff" admits he's in the GWF for just two reasons: "I want to win that North American belt from **The Patriot**, and I want to destroy that ingrate **Al Perez**!" . . . Who expected **Virgil** to look so fine as a wres-

USWA tag team champions Robert Fuller and Jeff Jarrett have found an unlikely manager in Ronnie P. Gossett, who swears that during this latest stint in the USWA, he'll be on his best behavior.

tler while beating **Ted DiBiase** for the "million-dollar belt" at SummerSlam '91—and to be able to defend his new "title" so well against the veteran technical master? . . . **Steve "Bart" Sawyer** has made his debut in the USWA.

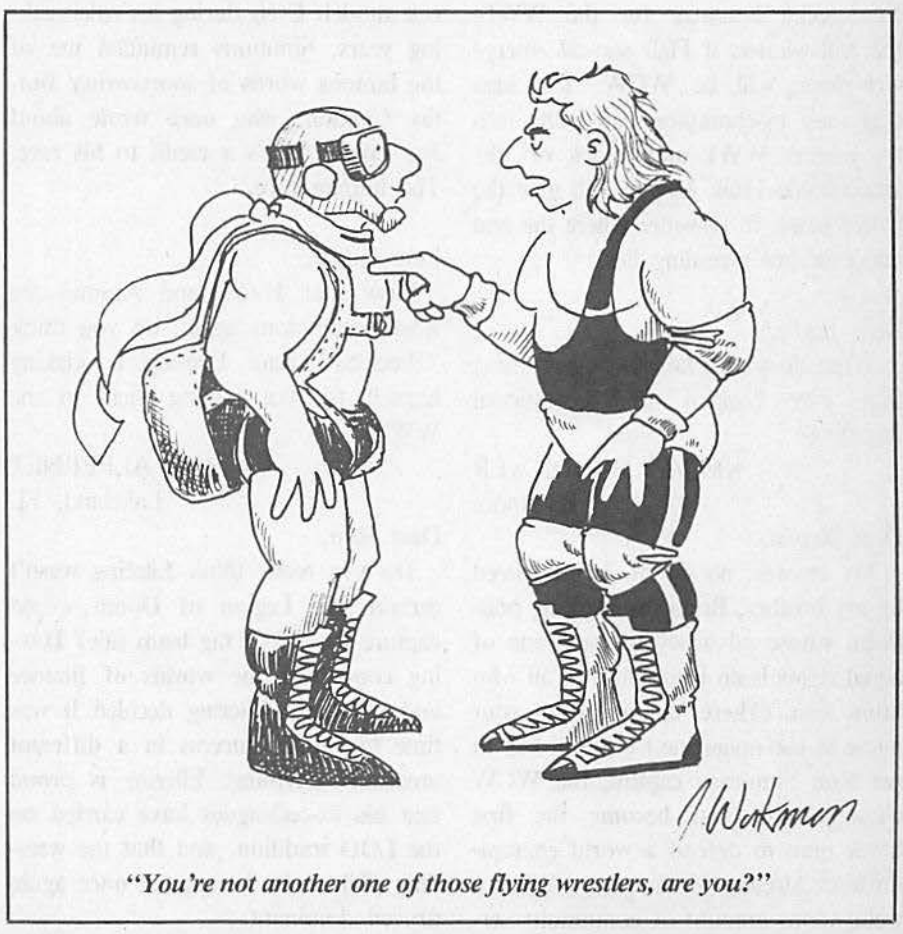
Also in the USWA, rotund **Ronnie P. Gossett** has become the new manager of tag team champions **Robert Fuller** and **Jeff Jarrett**. Will the fan favorite tag team be able to trust Gossett, long known as a hellraiser?

"You bet they will," insists the 450-pound Gossett. "I know I've done some terrible things in the past, but Jeff and Robbie need someone to watch their backs because of managers like **Reggie B. Fine**, **Christopher Love**, and **Tojo Yamamoto**. I'll be on my best behavior—honest!"

Personally, I don't know what to make of this situation. I know that Jarrett has reformed several rule-breakers—Fuller amoung them—but Gossett ? I think Jeff has bitten off a little more than he can chew this time.

The Skinner, formerly known as **Steve Keirn**, keeps challenging **Rick "The Dragon" Steamboat** in the WWF, and Steamboat keeps winning . . . Popular **Steve Doll** regained the Pacific Northwest title from **Billy Jack Haynes** on September 14 in Portland . . . The sensational **Blazers—R.D. Swain** and **"Sugar" Ray Lloyd**—downed **Brute Forcz** to capture the Georgia All-Star tag team title on September 15 in Marietta, Georgia . . . **Shawn Michaels'** oft-injured right knee healed well enough so that he could return to **The Rockers** with **Marty Jannetty** in mid-September.

That's all for now. See you at ringside! □



"You're not another one of those flying wrestlers, are you?"

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in the WWF. An X-ray of Flair's soul would reveal tremendous discontent at the way his reputation has been tarnished in the past year. Flair knows he lived under the protective custody of The Four Horsemen, occasionally emerging, as he did against Tatsumi Fujinami, to restore his own faith in his abilities. Flair is in the WWF to defeat Hulk Hogan. Period. He wants to prove what many in wrestling have known for years: When he's on top of his game, Ric Flair is the best wrestler in the world.

Dear Eddie,

What will it mean for professional wrestling if Ric Flair defeats Hulk Hogan? Who emerges as the big winner in all this?

RANDY MAGLEY
Brooklyn, NY

Dear Randy,

Though the match and the inevitable rematches will prove a ratings and commercial bonanza for the WWF, the real winner, if Flair should emerge victorious, will be WCW. The idea that their ex-champion can waltz into the mighty WWF and knock off the indomitable Hulk Hogan will give the world pause to consider where the real talent in pro wrestling lies.

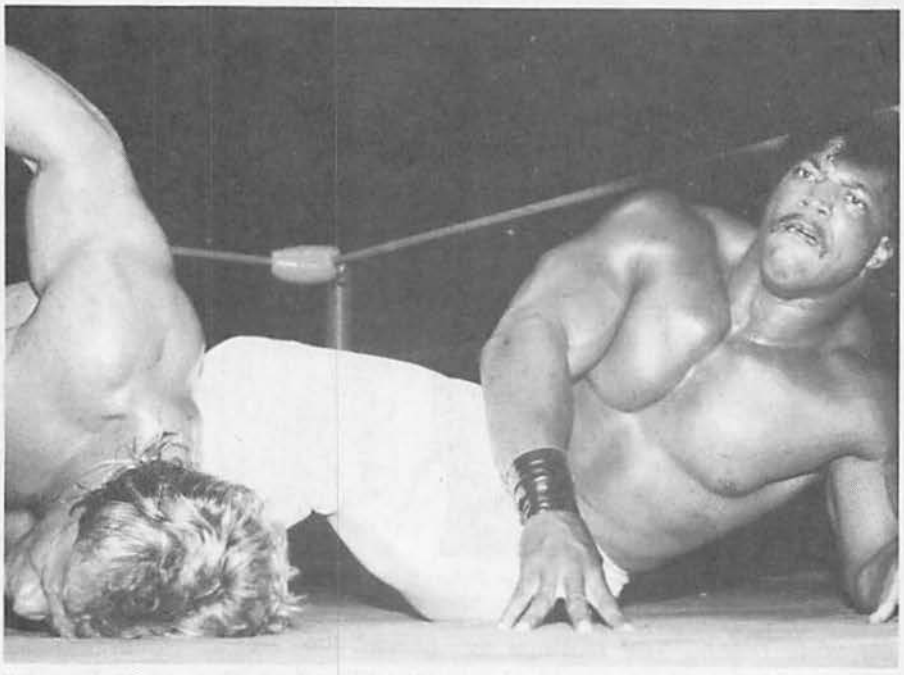
Dear Eddie,

What do you think is the best thing that can happen to professional wrestling?

KELVIN BODDICKER
Baltimore

Dear Kelvin,

My answer, no doubt, is influenced by my brother, Brian, an aspiring politician whose advocacy in the arena of equal rights is an inspiration to all who know him. (There, chump, I got your name in the magazine.) I would like to see Ron Simmons capture the WCW championship and become the first black man to defend a world championship. Already Simmons performs a tremendous amount of community service. Given the platform of a world championship, and given the large percentage of black wrestling fans, Simmons would become a very positive role model. Even during his rulebreaking years, Simmons reminded me of the famous words of sportswriter Jimmy Cannon, who once wrote about Joe Louis, "He's a credit to his race. The human race."



I'd like to see Ron Simmons win the WCW World title from Lex Luger and become the federation's first black world champion. He'd be a great role model.

Dear Eddie,

Now that Hawk and Animal are world champions again, do you think "Precious" Paul Ellering is kicking himself for not joining them in the WWF?

RON ALPERNET
Lakeland, FL

Dear Ron,

Do you really think Ellering wasn't certain The Legion of Doom would capture the WWF tag team title? Having conquered the worlds of finance and wrestling, Ellering decided it was time to pursue success in a different arena. If anything, Ellering is proud that his ex-colleagues have carried on the LOD tradition, and that the wrestling philosophy he created once again proved dominant.

Has anybody here seen my old friend, Dusty? Can you tell me where's he's gone?

Dear Eddie,

Where's Dusty Rhodes?

ANGELA MARTINEZ
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Dear Angela,

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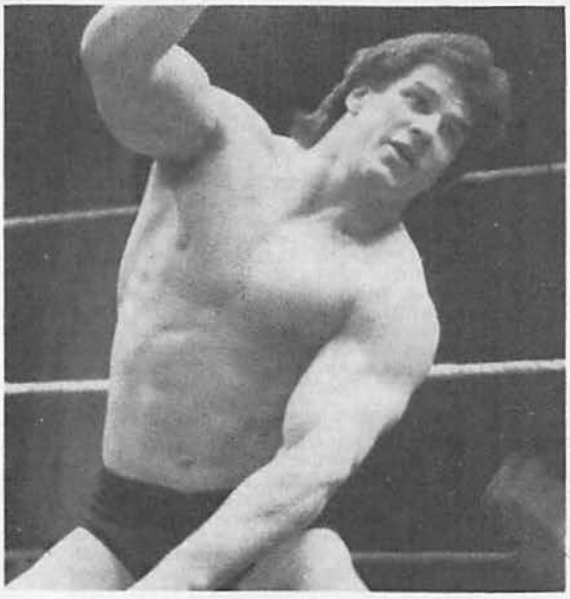

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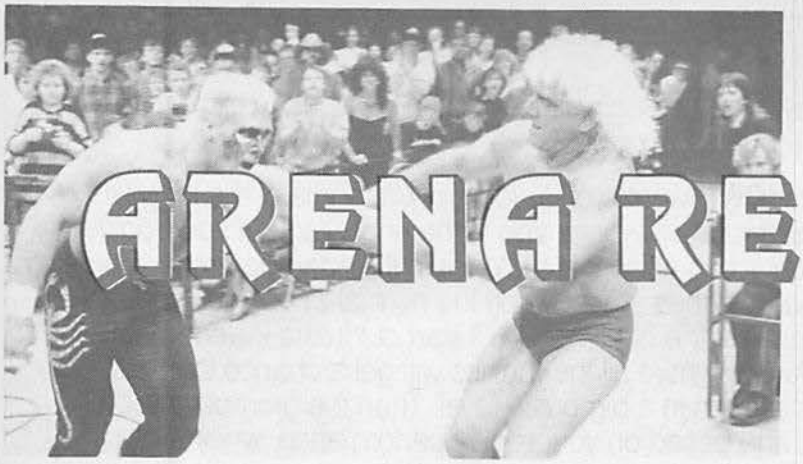

ARENA REPORTS

CALIFORNIA

OAKLAND—WCW at the Kaiser Civic Center: **P.N. News** & **Big Josh** beat **Johnny B. Badd** & **Mike Graham** when Josh pinned Badd . . . **Tom Zenk** & **Bobby Eaton** beat **Terrence Taylor** & **Richard Morton** . . . **Dustin Rhodes** beat **Diamond Studd** . . . **Larry Zbyszko** & **Arn Anderson** beat **The Patriots** when Anderson pinned **Chip the Firebreaker** . . . U.S. champion **Sting** beat **Oz** . . . **Rick Steiner** beat **Steve Austin** by disqualification . . . **Barry Windham** & **Ron Simmons** beat WCW World champion **Lex Luger** & **Mr. Hughes** by disqualification when **Harley Race** interfered . . . **El Gigante** beat **One Man Gang** in a cage match.
(09-07-91)

—David Faber

SACRAMENTO—WWF matinee at the Coliseum: **Kerry Von Erich** beat **The Berzerker** . . . WWF World tag team champions **The Legion of Doom** beat **The Nasty Boys** . . . **Skinner** battled to a draw with **Rick Steamboat** . . . **Irwin R. Schyster** beat **Hacksaw Duggan** . . . **Ted DiBiase** beat **Virgil** by countout . . . Intercontinental champion **Bret Hart** beat **The Warlord** . . . **Sid Justice** beat **The Undertaker**.
(08-31-91)

—Al Strauss

OAKLAND—WWF at Oakland Coliseum: **Jerry Sags** beat **Butch Miller** . . . **Kerry Von Erich** beat **Skinner** . . . WWF World tag team champions **The Legion of Doom** beat **The Beverly Brothers** . . . **Sid Justice** beat **The Undertaker** . . . **Virgil** beat **Irwin R. Schyster** by disqualificaton . . . Intercontinental champion **Bret Hart** beat **Ted DiBiase** by countout.
(08-31-91)

—David Markson

FLORIDA

TAMPA—Universal Wrestling of Florida at The Doll House: **Jim Hurricane** battled **Big Red** to a time-limit draw . . . **Robert Base** beat **The Shadow** . . . **Ian Weston** defeated **Sunny T** by disqualification . . . **Kyle Davis** beat **Ninja II** . . . **"Hammerin'" Henry Raines** & **Kenny Kendall** defeated **Jim "The Animal" Cooper** & **Paul Samson** by disqualification . . . **Billy Freedom** beat **Rick Thomas** . . . **Chris "The Doctor" Proctor** & **Big V** beat **Jumbo Baretta** & **The Superstar** . . . **Phil Donovan** defeated **The Viper**.
(09-15-91)

—Shannon Rose

VENICE—An independent wrestling benefit for the Love Land Center at the Venice Community Center: **Dynamite Kid** defeated **Crusher Conan** by disqualification when **Tom Sawyer** interfered . . . **Keno McKenzie** beat **Great White** . . . **Penelope Paradise** & **Big Bad Mama** defeated **Linda Lyder** & **Tina Heartbreak** . . . **Dynamite Kid** & **Dennis Sauer** defeated **Tom Sawyer**, **The Confederate Outlaw**, & **Crusher Conan** . . . **Grizzly Bear Ray** pinned **Giant Outlaw** . . . **Rick Ryder** & **Tommy Wright** beat **Robbie Idol** & **The Superstar**.
(09-14-91)

—Shannon Rose

FT. LAUDERDALE—Ladies Major Leauge Wrestling at City Limits: **Penelope Paradise** beat **Big Bad Momma** . . . **Alison Royal** defeated **Linda Ryder** . . . **Debbie Malenko** beat **A.J. Watson** . . . **Luna Vachon** defeated **Malia Hosaka** . . . **Bambi** beat **Penelope Paradise** . . . In a six-woman tag team elimination match, **Bambi**, **Malia Hosaka**, & **Alison Royal** beat **Big Bad Momma**, **A.J. Watson**, & **Linda Ryder**.
(09-10-91)

—Michael Brody

FT. PIERCE—International Wrestling Federation at the Armory: **The Caribbean Kid** beat **Nuclear Assassin I** . . . **Randy Fuller** beat **Bret Blair** . . . **The Dynamite Express** battled **The Bad Boys** to a double-disqualification . . . **Chubby Moe Cool** beat **The Possesser** . . . IWF TV champion **Lou Perez** beat **The Stomper** . . . IWF tag team champions **The Heartbreakers** battled **Thunder** & **Lightning** to a double-countout.
(09-10-91)

—Duane Long

TAMPA—Championship Wrestling Federation at the Olympic Skating Center: **Verne Henderson** beat **Cody Wade** . . . **Kenny Kendo** beat **The Mercenary** . . . **Man Mountain Brody** beat **Muhammad Stud** by disqualification . . . **Chris "The Doctor" Proctor** beat **Tommy Starr** . . . **Jim Backlund** beat **Jerry Flynn**.
(09-08-91)

—Shannon Rose

JACKSONVILLE—WCW at the Coliseum: **Big Josh** pinned **Joey Maggs** . . . **The Young Pistols** beat **The Freebirds** when **Steve Armstrong** pinned **Jim Garvin** . . . WCW TV champion **Steve Austin** drew with **Johnny B. Badd** . . . **Terrence Taylor** & **Richard Morton** beat **Dustin Rhodes** & **Robert Gibson** . . . **Tom Zenk** pinned **Diamond Studd** to win five minutes in the ring with Studd's manager, **"Diamond" Dallas Page**, who fled before the time expired . . . **Rick Steiner** & **P.N. News** beat **The Hardliners** . . . WCW World champion **Lex Luger** pinned **Bobby Eaton** . . . In a "War Games" contest, **Sting**, **Yellow Dog**, **Barry Windham**, & **El Gigante** defeated **One Man Gang**, **Kevin Sullivan**, **Arn Anderson**, & **Cactus Jack**.
(08-24-91)

—Ron Lemieux

WEST PALM BEACH—WWF at the West Palm Beach Auditorium: **Earthquake** pinned **Hawk** . . . **Kerry Von Erich** battled to a double-countout against **The Warlord** . . . **Bret Hart** beat **The Barbarian** . . . **The Bushwhackers** beat the team of **Pat Tanaka** & **Col. Mustafa** when **Butch Miller** pinned Tanaka . . . **Jerry Sags** beat **Marty Jannetty** . . . **The Ultimate Warrior** beat **The Undertaker** by disqualification . . . **Hawk** won a 13-man battle royal by ousting **Earthquake**.
(08-22-91)

—Donna Hubbard

GEORGIA

MARIETTA—Global Wrestling Federation at the Cobb County Civic Center: Georgia TV champion **Terry Leland** beat **Festus** . . . **Billy Black** & **Joel Deaton** beat **Rick** & **Chick Donovan** . . . **Jack Victory** & **Rip Morgan** battled to a double-disqualification with **The Renegade Warriors** . . . **Scott Anthony** pinned **Al Perez** after decking him with a chain . . . **The Lightning Kid** regained the Global light heavyweight title when he pinned **Chaz** with his feet on the ropes . . . **The Blue Blazer** beat **Steven DeTruth** . . . **The Blazers** captured the Georgia All-Star tag team belts by defeating **Brute Force** . . . **The Handsome Stranger** beat **Steve Lawler** by disqualification when **Scott Anthony** attacked Stranger . . . **Terry Gordy** beat **Axis the Demolisher** . . . **Bambi** beat LPWA champion **Lady X** by disqualification . . . Global tag team champions **Chris Walker** & **Steve Simpson** beat **Rod Price** & **John Tatum** when Simpson pinned Tatum . . . GWF North American champion **The Patriot** pinned **Stan Lane**.
(09-15-91)

—Jo Ellen Hallmark & Freddie Fargo

AUGUSTA—Results of WCW's Clash of Champions XVI—"Fall Brawl" at the Richmond County Civic Center, aired live on TBS: In a match not shown on television, **Thomas Rich** pinned **Joey Maggs** . . . **El Gigante** won the "Georgia Brawl" battle royal by simultaneously eliminating **Oz** and **One Man Gang** . . . In one of two semifinal matches in the tournament to determine a WCW light heavyweight champion, **Brian Pillman** pinned **Badstreet** . . . U.S. champion **Sting** pinned **Johnny B. Badd** . . . **Larry Zbyszko** & **Arn Anderson** won the final round of the WCW World tag team tournament, beating **Rick Steiner** & **Bill Kazmaier** when Zbyszko pinned Kazmaier. The pin came after Anderson smashed Kazmaier in his ribs, which had been injured earlier in the evening by Zbyszko and Anderson . . . **Van Hammer** made his WCW debut, pinning **Terrence Taylor** . . . In the other light heavyweight semifinal bout, **Richard Morton** pinned **Mike Graham** . . . **Ron Simmons** beat **Diamond Studd** . . . **The Freebirds** defeated **The Patriots** when **Jim Garvin** pinned **Chip the Firebreaker**.
(09-05-91)

—Ed Crawford

ATLANTA—WCW at The Omni: **P.N. News** beat **Terrence Taylor** . . . **Rick Steiner** & **Bill Kazmaier** beat **The Hardliners** . . . WCW World champion **Lex Luger** pinned **Ron Simmons**. Referee **Bill Alfonso** was knocked out and Luger piledrived Simmons on a metal chair given to him by **Mr. Hughes** and **Harley Race**. Alfonso woke up and counted the pin. **Barry Windham** ran in to help Ron, but he was beaten bloody by Hughes and Race . . . **El Gigante** beat **One Man Gang**. Due to a stipulation in the match contract, Gang had most of his hair cut off . . . Results of the tournament to determine a U.S. champion: First round: **Barry Windham** drew a bye . . . WCW TV champion **Steve Austin** beat **Tom Zenk** by disqualification when Zenk tossed Austin over the top rope . . . **Diamond Studd** beat **Bobby Eaton** . . . **Yellow Dog** and **Johnny B. Badd** battled to a 15-minute draw, thereby eliminating both men from the tournament . . . **Dustin Rhodes** and **Richard Morton** battled to a double-countout, thereby eliminating both men from the tournament . . . **Sting** beat **Arn Anderson** . . . Semifinals: Austin beat Windham by disqualification . . . Sting beat Studd . . . In the tournament final: Sting beat Austin.
(08-25-91)

—Ed Crawford

This special feature is for all fans who want to know who won and who lost . . . and how. In it, we present results from a full month of action across the nation and around the world, culled from the pages of the *Pro Wrestling Illustrated Weekly* newsletter; readers of *PWI Weekly* received these results just days after the cards took place. If you would like to join professional wrestling's largest network of correspondents, write to: "Arena Report" c/o *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*, Box 48, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.

ILLINOIS

MONMOUTH—Windy City Wrestling at the Warren County Prime Beef Festival: Windy City lightweight champion **Michael Anthony** defeated **Shogun Assassin** . . . **Hurricane Smith** beat **The Punisher** . . . Windy City middleweight champion **K.C. Knight** defeated **Capt. Fantastic** . . . Windy City tag team champions **The Dream Warriors** and **The Italian Connection** fought to a double-disqualification . . . Windy City heavyweight champion **Ron Powers** defeated **Ken Patera** by disqualification . . . **Ken Patera** won a 15-man battle royal.
(09-04-91)

—Scott Buckley

KENTUCKY

LOUISVILLE—USWA at Louisville Gardens: **Bull Pain** (with **Samantha**) defeated **Rockin' Randy** . . . USWA Texas champion **Tom Prichard** beat **Humongous** . . . USWA light heavyweight titlist **Bill Dundee** beat **Dan Davis** . . . USWA tag team champions **Jeff Jarrett** & **Robert Fuller** defeated **Awesome Kong** & **Bruiser** by disqualification . . . USWA Southern champion **Eric Embry** and **Jimmy Valiant** battled to a double-countout . . . **Jerry Lawler** defeated **The Dragon Master**.
(08-27-91)

—Sean Underhill

MARYLAND

FREDRICK—WWF at Fredrick Community College: **Superfly Snuka** beat **The Barbarian** . . . **Bob Bradley** & **Steve Lombardi** beat **Barry Hardy** & **Duane Gill** when Lombardi pinned Gill . . . **Hacksaw Duggan** beat **Typhoon** . . . **Irwin R. Schyster** beat **Jim Neidhart** . . . **Marty Jannetty** & **Jim Powers** beat **Col. Mustafa** & **Pat Tanaka** . . . **Big Bossman** beat **The Mountie** in a cage match.
(09-15-91)

—Timothy A. Walker

BALTIMORE—WCW at the Baltimore Arena: **Brian Pillman** beat **Terrence Taylor** . . . **Oz** pinned **Joey Maggs** . . . **P.N. News** beat **Thomas Rich** . . . **Tom Zenk** defeated **The Diamond Studd** . . . **Dustin Rhodes** beat **Rick Morton** . . . **Larry Zbyszko** & **Arn Anderson** beat **The Freebirds** when Zbyszko pinned **Jim Garvin** . . . **Rick Steiner** & **Bill Kazmaier** beat **The Hardliners** when Steiner pinned **Dick Slater** . . . WCW TV champion **Steve Austin** beat **Johnny B. Badd** by disqualification . . . WCW World champion **Lex Luger** pinned **Ron Simmons** . . . **El Gigante** & **Sting** beat **One Man Gang** & **Cactus Jack** when Sting pinned Cactus.
(08-31-91)

—Ray Ney & Timothy A. Walker

MASSACHUSETTS

SPRINGFIELD—WWF at the Civic Center: **Rick Steamboat** beat **Irwin R. Schyster** . . . **Hacksaw Duggan** battled **Berzerker** to a double-countout . . . **The Warlord** pinned **Virgil** . . . **The Beverly Brothers** beat **The Bushwhackers** . . . **Skinner** pinned **Mario Mancini** . . . Intercontinental champion **Bret Hart** beat **Ted DiBiase** . . . **Sid Justice** & WWF World tag team champions **The Legion of Doom** beat **The Nasty Boys** & **The Undertaker** when Sid power-bombed and pinned **Brian Knobs**.
(09-07-91)

—Mike Reardon

MICHIGAN

AUBURN HILLS—WWF at the Palace: **Koko B. Ware** pinned **Pat Tanaka** . . . **Hacksaw Duggan** and **Berzerker** battled to a double-countout . . . **The Warlord** used his feet on the ropes and pinned **Kerry Von Erich** . . . **The Beverly Brothers** beat **Marty Jannetty** & **Jim Powers** when **Beau Beverly** pinned Powers . . . **Davey Boy Smith** beat **Smash** . . . **Greg Valentine** beat **The Barbarian** . . . **Sid Justice**, substituting for **Roddy Piper**, used a powerbomb to beat **Ted DiBiase**.
(08-24-91)

—Mark McDalton

MINNESOTA

VIRGINIA—Pro Wrestling America at the Miner's Memorial Building: **Jerry Lynn** pinned **The Judge** . . . **Tony DeNucci** beat **Mr. Dynamic** . . . **Baron Von Raschke** beat **The Shocker** . . . PWA champion **Charlie Norris** beat **Soldat Ustinov** by disqualificaton . . . **Ken Patera** & **Ray Stevens** beat **The Punishers** by countout.
(09-14-91)

—Mike Stephens

MISSISSIPPI

LOWELL—WWF at Memorial Auditorium: **Jim Neidhart** beat **Hercules** . . . **Marty Jannetty** & **Jim Powers** beat **Pat Tanaka** & **Col. Mustafa** . . . **Big Bossman** beat **The Mountie** in a cage match . . . **Superfly Snuka** beat **The Barbarian** . . . **Typhoon** beat **Tito Santana** . . . **Big Bully Busick** beat **Koko B. Ware**.
(09-07-91)

—Ted Field

NEW YORK

WHITE PLAINS—WWF at the Westchester County Center: **Tito Santana** pinned **Bob Bradley** . . . **Typhoon** pinned **Greg Valentine** . . . **Marty Jannetty** & **Jim Powers** beat **Col. Mustafa** & **Pat Tanaka** when Jannetty pinned Tanaka . . . **Superfly Snuka** pinned **The Barbarian** . . . **Irwin R. Shyster** beat **Jim Neidhart** . . . **Big Bossman** beat **The Mountie** in a cage match.
(09-06-91)

—Anthony & Ann Scalia

NORTH CAROLINA

GREENSBORO—WCW at the Coliseum: **Van Hammer** beat **Zan Panzer** . . . **Cactus Jack** beat **Bobby Eaton** . . . WCW six-man tag team champions **Tom Zenk**, **Big Josh**, & **Dustin Rhodes** beat **Richard Morton**, **Terrence Taylor**, & **Thomas Rich** when Rhodes pinned Morton . . . **Rick Steiner** beat **The Diamond Studd** . . . WCW World tag team champions **The Enforcers** beat U.S. tag team champions **The Patriots** when **Larry Zbyzko** pinned **Chip the Firebreaker**; only the World belts were on the line in this contest . . . U.S. champion **Sting** battled to a wild double-countout with **Abdullah the Butcher** . . . **Barry Windham** & **Ron Simmons** beat WCW World champion **Lex Luger** & **Mr. Hughes** by disqualification when **Harley Race** interfered.
(09-14-91)

—David Roberson

NORTH WILKESBORO—SAPW at the High School: **Chris Chavis** beat SAPW champion **Manny Fernandez** by disqualification . . . **Tommy Seabolt** beat **Storm Trooper Hans** . . . **Junkyard Dog** and **Shaska Whatley** battled to a double-disqualification . . . **Mickey Hawks** beat **Gary Royal** . . . SAPW junior heavyweight champion **Denny Brown** pinned **The Cruel Connection**.
(09-12-91)

—Dennis Green

OHIO

RICHFIELD—WWF at the Richfield Coliseum: **Skinner** and **Rick Steamboat** wrestled to a 20-minute draw . . . **Irwin R. Schyster** beat **Hacksaw Duggan** by disqualification when Duggan used his 2 x 4 . . . Intercontinental champion **Bret Hart** beat **The Warlord** . . . **The Beverly Brothers** beat **The Bushwhackers** when **Blake Beverly** pinned **Luke Williams** . . . **Sid Justice** beat **The Undertaker** in a casket match . . . **Kerry Von Erich** beat **Berzerker** . . . **Ted DiBiase** beat **Virgil** by countout . . . WWF World tag team champions **The Legion of Doom** beat **The Nasty Boys** when **Animal** pinned **Jerry Sags**.
(08-30-91)

—Jeff Gorman & John Duffy

OREGON

PORTLAND—PNW at the Sports Arena: **Steve Doll** regained the Pacific Northwest title from **Billy Jack Haynes** . . . Pacific Northwest tag team champions **Don Harris** & **The Grappler** defeated **John Rambo** & **Steve Sawyer** when Harris pinned Sawyer . . . **Mike Winner** pinned **Al Madril** with a rollup . . . **Jimmy Jack Funk** defeated **Mike Winner** by disqualification when Winner tossed Funk over the top rope . . . **Mike Miller** defeated **Rip Oliver** by disqualification in a taped-fist match when **Larry Oliver** and **Doug Masters** interfered.
(09-14-91)

—Kenn Jones

PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA—WCW at the Civic Center: **Terrence Taylor** beat **Big Josh** . . . **Dustin Rhodes** defeated **Joey Maggs** . . . **Ron Simmons** pinned **Thomas Rich** . . . **Richard Morton** beat **Robert Gibson** . . . **The Freebirds** and **Larry Zbyszko** & **Arn Anderson** battled to a double-countout . . . **Tom Zenk** defeated **Diamond Studd** . . . WCW TV champion **Steve Austin** beat **Johnny B. Badd** by disqualification . . . **Rick Steiner** & **Bill Kazmaier** defeated **The Hardliners** . . . **El Gigante** & **Yellow Dog** beat **One Man Gang** & **Oz** . . . **Sting** pinned **Cactus Jack** . . . WCW World champion **Lex Luger** defeated **Barry Windham**.
(08-30-91)

—Jeff Mangels

PHILADELPHIA—WWF at the Spectrum: **The Ultimate Warrior** defeated **The Undertaker** in a body bag match . . . **The Mountie** & **The Natural Disasters** beat **Big Bossman** & **The Legion of Doom** when Mountie pinned Bossman . . . **Irwin R. Schyster** pinned **Virgil** . . . **Bret Hart** defeated **Sgt. Slaughter** by disqualification when **Gen. Adnan** threw powder in Hart's face . . . **The Bushwhackers** beat **Hercules** & **Bob Bradley** when **Luke Williams** pinned Bradley . . . **Rick Steamboat** pinned **Kato** . . . **Jimmy Snuka** pinned **Col. Mustafa**.
(08-24-91)

—Richard Howell

PHILADELPHIA—Tri-State Wrestling Alliance at the Philadelphia Original Sports Bar: The second round of the TWA "Bar Wars" tournament: **Glen Osborne** upset **Mr. Sandman** . . . **Tony Stetson** defeated **Johnny Hot Body** . . . **D.C. Drake** beat **The Bounty Hunter** . . . TWA champion **J.T. Smith** defeated **Cactus Jack** by countout. Semifinal round: **Tony Stetson** defeated **Glen Osborne** . . . **D.C. Drake** pinned **J.T. Smith** . . . In the tournament final, **Tony Stetson** pinned **D.C. Drake**.
(08-20-91)

—Burton Crane

PHILADELPHIA—Tri-State Wrestling Alliance at the Philadelphia Original Sports Bar: The opening round of the TWA "Bar Wars" tournament: **Glen Osborne** pinned **Jimmy Jannetty** . . . **Mr. Sandman** pinned **Michael Bruno** . . . **Johnny Hot Body** beat **Rick Perez** . . . **Tony Stetson** defeated **Rockin' Rebel** by countout . . . **D.C. Drake** pinned **C.N. Redd** . . . **The Bounty Hunter** defeated **Ghetto Blaster** . . . TWA champion **J.T. Smith** pinned **Cry Baby Waldo** following a moonsault . . . **Cactus Jack** pinned **Johnny O**.
(08-19-91)

—Burton Crane

RHODE ISLAND

PROVIDENCE—WWF matinee at the Civic Center: This card included the WWF's annual "King of the Ring" tournament. Round I: **Jerry Sags** beat **Hawk** by disqualification . . . **Ted DiBiase** battled **Rick Steamboat** to a 15-minute draw . . . **Hacksaw Duggan** beat **Brian Knobs** . . . **Irwin R. Schyster** beat **Berzerker** by countout . . . Intercontinental champion **Bret Hart** beat **Pete Dougherty** (substituting for **Kerry Von Erich**) . . . **Skinner** beat **Virgil** . . . **Sid Justice** beat **The Warlord** . . . **The Undertaker** defeated **Animal** . . . Round II: Schyster beat Duggan . . . Sags received a bye through the second round, as he was to wrestle the winner of the DiBiase-Steamboat bout . . . Hart pinned Skinner . . . Justice and Undertaker battled to a double-disqualification . . . Semifinal: Schyster beat Sags . . . Hart received a bye through the semifinal round, as he was to wrestle the winner of the Justice-Undertaker bout . . . Hart pinned Schyster to become "King of the Ring" . . . In a non-tournament match, **The Beverly Brothers** beat **The Bushwhackers**.
(09-07-91)

—David Faber

TENNESSEE

MEMPHIS—USWA at Mid-South Coliseum: **Billy Travis** beat **M.C. Slammer** . . . **Vicious Vicki** defeated **Miss Texas** by countout . . . **Bull Pain** beat **Bill Dundee** by disqualification . . . **Dutch Mantel** and **The Dragon Master** wrestled to a double-disqualification . . . USWA tag team champions **Jeff Jarrett** & **Robert Fuller** defeated **The Pretty Young Things** by disqualification . . . **Jimmy Valiant** & **Koko B. Ware** beat **Awesome Kong** & **Bruiser** when Ware pinned Bruiser . . . **Jerry Lawler** & **Dirty White Boy** beat **Eric Embry** & **P.Y. Chu-Hi** by disqualification.
(09-09-91)

—Mark Mitchell

MORRISTOWN—All-Star Wrestling at the Tally Ward Building: **The Enforcer** battled **Johnny Raynor** to a 20-minute draw . . . **Sweet Marvin Gaye** beat **Steve Flynn** . . . **Deke Rivers** beat **The Gladiator** . . . **Jeff Anderson** beat **Jeff Sword** . . . **Todd Morton** & **Johnny Meadows** beat **Chris Powers** & **T.J. Travis** . . . **Doug Vines** battled **The Mongolian Stomper** to a no-contest.
(09-07-91)

—Bill Needham

HUMBOLT—USWA at the Armory: **Leatherface** defeated **Randy Lewis** . . . USWA light heavyweight champion **Bill Dundee** beat **Dan Davis** . . . USWA Southern titlist **Eric Embry** pinned **Tony Anthony** . . . USWA Texas champion **Tom Prichard** and **Jimmy Valiant** wrestled to a double-countout . . . USWA tag team champions **Jeff Jarrett** & **Robert Fuller** defeated **Leatherface** & **Goon Squad I** when Jarrett pinned Goon Squad I.
(08-29-91)

—Tami Thompson & Joey Jenkins

TEXAS

DALLAS—Global Wrestling Federation at the Sportatorium: **Gary Young** beat **Bill Irwin** by disqualification when **John Tatum** & **Rod Price** attacked Young . . . **The Renegade Warriors** beat **Ed Robinson** & **Mike Jones** when Chris pinned Robinson . . . **Jack Victory** & **Rip Morgan** beat **Terry Daniels** & **Action Jackson** when Morgan pinned Daniels . . . **Chaz** pinned Global light heavyweight champion **The Lightning Kid** with with a sunset flip in a non-title match . . . **Steve Dane** pinned **Terry Garvin** . . . **Bill Irwin** & **Tug Taylor** beat **Rick Garren** & **Action Jackson** when Irwin pinned Garren . . . **Steve Dane** pinned **El Grand Colosso** . . . **Al Perez** beat **Sweet Daddy Falcone** . . . **Chaz** pinned **The Lightning Kid** to capture the light heavyweight title . . . **John Tatum** & **Rod Price** and **The Renegade Warriors** wrestled to a time-limit draw . . . **Terry Garvin** pinned **Buster Blackheart** . . . **Jack Victory** & **Rip Morgan** battled **Gary Young** & **Jeff Gaylord** to a double-disqualification.
(09-13-91)

—Freddie Fargo

FT. WORTH—NAWA at the Stagecoach Ballroom: **Kit Carson** defeated **Junior Hernandez** . . . **Bull Man Downs** & **Killer Brooks** beat **Tony Glenn** & **Johnny Longhorn** when Downs pinned Longhorn . . . **John Tatum** defeated **Jeff Raitz** by disqualification when **Bull Man Downs** interfered . . . NAWA champion **Action Jackson** pinned **Kenny the Stinger** . . . **Steve Dane** pinned **Hurricane Mike** in an "anything goes" match.
(09-09-91)

—Joyce Dillon

DALLAS—Global Wrestling Federation at the Sportatorium: **Scott Anthony** & **Rip Rogers** beat **The American Breed** . . . GWF tag team champions **Steve Simpson** & **Chris Walker** defeated **Tug Taylor** & **Ken Striker** when Walker pinned Striker . . . **Bad News Brown** & **Soultaker** beat **Terry Daniels** & **Rick Garren** when Soultaker pinned Garren . . . **Terry Garvin** & **Chaz** defeated **The Texas Outlaws** . . . **John Tatum** & **Rod Price** battled to a double-disqualification with **Gary Young** & **Jeff Gaylord** . . . **Scott Anthony** pinned **El Grande Colosso** . . . **The Renegade Warriors** beat **The Texas Outlaws** . . . **The Handsome Stranger** pinned **Buster Blackheart** . . . **Wild Bill Irwin** pinned **El Diablo** . . . **Action Jackson** defeated **Steve Dane** by disqualification . . . North American champion **The Patriot** defeated **Bad News Brown** by disqualification when **Soultaker** interfered . . . **Jeff Gaylord** pinned **Bill Irwin** . . . **John Tatum** & **Rod Price** battled **The Renegade Warriors** to a no-contest . . . **Terry Garvin** pinned **Sweet Daddy Falcone** . . . **Steve Dane** pinned **Chaz** . . . **Steve Simpson** & **Chris Walker** beat **Bad News Brown** & **Soultaker** when Simpson pinned Soultaker . . . **The Handsome Stranger** pinned **Rip Rogers**.
(09-06-91)

—Freddie Fargo

FT. WORTH—NAWA at the Stagecoach Ballroom: **Kit Carson** defeated **Tony Glenn** . . . **Kenny the Stinger** beat **Johnny Longhorn** . . . **"Rattlesnake" Jeff Raitz** defeated **Bull Man Downs** . . . **Steven Dane** and **Hurricane Mike** wrestled to a double-countout . . . **John Tatum** beat NAWA champion **Action Jackson** in a non-title bout.
(08-26-91)

—Joyce Dillon

HOUSTON—Texas All-Pro at the Unicorn Ballroom: **Wichita Willie** battled **Rudy Romero** to a double-disqualification . . . **Super Collider** defeated **The Magic Man** . . . **Gary "Hogg" Young** drew with **Dr. Kirk Vain** . . . **Tarzan Tyler** defeated **David Gold** . . . **G.I. Bro** beat **The Black Rhino** . . . **The Gladiator** defeated **The Night Breeder** in a dog-collar match . . . **Bull Ramos** beat **Tiger Conway Jr.**
(08-25-91)

—Bob Miller

HOUSTON—WWF at The Summit: **Bret Hart** pinned **Irwin R. Schyster** . . . **Rick Steamboat** pinned **The Barbarian** . . . **Berzerker** pinned **Koko B. Ware** . . . **The Warlord** pinned **Jake "The Snake" Roberts** . . . **Ted DiBiase** pinned **Virgil** . . . **The Natural Disasters** defeated **Kerry Von Erich** & **Hacksaw Duggan** when **Earthquake** pinned Duggan . . . **The Ultimate Warrior** beat **The Undertaker** in a body bag match.
(08-25-91)

—Bob Miller

VIRGINIA

NORFOLK—WCW at the Scope: **P.N. News** beat **Joey Maggs** . . . **Oz** defeated **Iceman** . . . **El Gigante** beat **One Man Gang** . . . **Terrence Taylor** defeated **Big Josh** . . . **Ron Simmons** pinned **Thomas Rich** . . . **Rick Steiner** & **Bill Kazmaier** beat **The Hardliners** when Steiner pinned **Dick Murdoch** . . . **Tom Zenk** beat **The Diamond Studd** . . . WCW TV champion **Steve Austin** beat **Johnny B. Badd** . . . **Dustin Rhodes** pinned **Richard Morton** . . . U.S. heavyweight champion **Sting** beat **Cactus Jack** . . . WCW World champion **Lex Luger** beat **Barry Windham**.
(09-01-91)

—Eddie Cheslock

LURAY—National Wrestling Federation at Page County Fairgrounds: **The American Patriot** pinned **The Libyan Sheik** . . . **Baby Face Nellie** beat **Arctic Fox** . . . **The U.S. Express** beat **The Masked Executioners** . . . **The Bounty Hunter** pinned **Mighty Goliath** . . . **Wahoo McDaniel** pinned **The Russian Assassin.**
(08-24-91)

—Ann See

WEST VIRGINIA

MARTINSBURG—Universal Independent Wrestling TV taping at the National Guard Armory: **Warpig** beat **Agent Orange** . . . **Max Thrasher** beat **Watsumi the Rising Sun** . . . **Johnny Graham** beat **Beau Richard** . . . **Johnny Lawler** & **Jeff Collette** beat **Kelly Jones** & **The Scorpion** . . . **Oleg Malstrom** beat **Ricky Lane** . . . **Axl Rotten** beat **The Surgeon** . . . **A.J. Fritzoid** beat **Watsumi the Rising Sun** . . . **Kirk Dread** beat **Morgus the Maniac** . . . **King Kaluha** beat **Harley Watkins** . . . **The Golden Phoenix** beat **Bubba Monroe** . . . **Adrian Hall** beat **Mike Samson** . . . **Rip Sawyer** & **Dave Casanova** bat **Rick Lane** & **Harley Watkins** . . . **Mr. Bojangles** beat **Agony** . . . **King Kaluha** beat **Judge Dread** . . . **Golden Phoenix** beat **Axl Rotten** . . . **Max Thrasher** beat **A.J. Fritzoid** . . . **The Warpig** beat **Adrian Hall** . . . In a match to determine the first UIW champion, **Golden Phoenix** beat **The Warpig** . . . **Dixie Devastation** battled **The Cream Team** to a no-contest.
(09-14-91)

—Timothy A. Walker

WISCONSIN

MILWAUKEE—WWF at Bradley Center: **Berzerker** beat **Hercules** . . . **The Beverly Brothers** beat **The Bushwhackers** . . . **Ted DiBiase** beat **Virgil** by countout . . . WWF World tag team champions **The Legion of Doom** beat **The Nasty Boys** . . . **Rick Steamboat** pinned **Skinner** . . . Intercontinental champion **Bret Hart** beat **The Warlord** . . . **Sid Justice** beat **The Undertaker** in a casket match.
(09-13-91)

—Andy Abrahamson & Louis Cabrera

AUSTRIA

VIENNA—Austrian Wrestling Association: **Old Dog Sorensen** battled **Helmut Lukestig** to a 20-minute draw . . . **Hubert Fritz** pinned **Fred Barne** . . . **Mr. X** won by countout against Austrian heavyweight champion **Klaus Wallas** . . . **Old Dog Sorensen** pinned **Hubert Fritz** . . . **Klaus Wallas** & **Helmut Lukestig** beat **Mr. X** & **Harry Codina**.
(09-05-91)

—Robert Edlhauser

VIENNA—Catch Wrestling Association Vienna Cup finals: **Franz Schuhmann** pinned **Johnny Smith** . . . **Rambo** beat **Joe Cruz** . . . **Dave Taylor** & **Steve Wright** beag **Klaus Kauroff** & **Col. Brody** . . . **Chris Benoit** beat **Dave Findlay** by disqualification . . . **Buffalo Patterson** pinned **Tony St. Clair** to win the Vienna Cup.
(08-27-91)

—Robert Edlhauser

ENGLAND

NORWICH—All-Star Wrestling at the Corn Exchange: In a "K.O." tournament: **Danny Collins** beat **Syd Cooper** . . . **Mal Sanders** beat **Kashmir Singh** by submission . . . Collins pinned Sanders to win the tournament . . . In other matches: **Mad Dog Eilson** battled **Soldier Boy Prince** to a double-disqualification . . . **Alan Kilby** beat **Buffalo Beaney** by disqualification.
(09-07-91)

—John Bultitude

PUERTO RICO

MOCA—World Wrestling Council at the Coliseum: **Alex Porteau** beat **Armando Salgado** . . . **Fidel Sierra** defeated **Ray Gonzalez** . . . **Sasha** beat **Monster Ripper** . . . **Medic III** defeated **Dusty Wolfe** . . . **Giant Warrior** beat **Dick Murdoch** by disqualification . . . **Hurricane Castillo Jr.** and **Miguel Perez Jr.** battled to a double-countout . . . **The Heartbreakers** drew with **Invader I** & **Bronco I**.
(09-15-91)

—Brett Wolfe

CAGUAS—World Wrestling Council at the Coliseum: **Alex Porteau** beat **El Cosario** . . . **Ray Gonzalez** defeated **Dusty Wolfe** . . . In a mixed tag team match, **Sasha** & **Miguel Perez Jr.** beat **Monster Ripper** & **Hurricane Castillo Jr.** when Sasha pinned Ripper . . . **Carlos Colon** and **Fidel Sierra** wrestled to a double-disqualification . . . **Galan Mendoza** beat **Medic III** . . . **Giant Warrior** beat **Joe Don Smith** . . . **The Heartbreakers** drew with **Bronco I** & **Invader I**.
(09-14-91)

—Brett Wolfe

ARROYO—World Wrestling Council at the Coliseum: **Alex Porteau** defeated **Tito Carreon** ... **Galan Mendoza** drew with **Medic III** ... **Dick Murdoch** and **Invader I** wrestled to a double-countout ... **Sasha** defeated **Monster Ripper** ... **Hurricane Castillo Jr.** & **Fidel Sierra** beat **Miguel Perez Jr.** & **Carlos Colon** when Sierra pinned Colon ... **Ray Gonzalez** beat **Dusty Wolfe** by disqualification ... **The Heartbreakers** defeated **Giant Warrior** & **Bronco I** when **Apollo** pinned Warrior.
(09-13-91)

—Brett Wolfe

FAJARDO—World Wrestling Council at the Coliseum: **Alex Porteau** beat **Huerto Gonzalez** ... **Bronco I** defeated **Galan Mendoza** ... **Medic III** beat **Dusty Wolfe** ... **The Heartbreakers** beat **Giant Warrior** & **Ray Gonzalez** by disqualification ... **Invader I** & **Miguel Perez Jr.** defeated **Hurricane Castillo Jr.** & **Fidel Sierra** ... **Carlos Colon** beat **Dick Murdoch**.
(09-12-91)

—Brett Wolfe

CAGUAS—World Wrestling Council at the Coliseum: **The Heartbreakers** beat **Medic III** & **Alberto Salgado** ... **Monster Ripper** won the WWC women's belt from **Candi Devine** ... **Giant Warrior** beat **Dick Murdoch** by disqualification ... **Hurricane Castillo Jr.** beat **Miguel Perez Jr.** in a Texas death match ... Universal champion **Carlos Colon** wrestled to a double-disqualification with **Cuban Assassin** ... **Ray Gonzales** & **Ricky Santana** beat **Dusty Wolfe** & **Galan Mendoza** ... **TNT** battled **Ron Garvin** to a 30-minute draw ... WWC tag team champions **Invader I** & **El Bronco I** beat **The Samoan Swat Team**.
(09-07-91)

—Brett Wolfe

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

FLORIDA

MIAMI BEACH—NWA at the Miami Beach Auditorium: **Louie Tillet** defeated **Bobby Shane** in a lights-out match ... **Jack Brisco** defeated **Paul Jones** to capture the Florida title; **Big Bad John** was special referee for the match ... **Mike Graham** & **Tim Woods** defeated **Norvell Austin** & **Sputnik Monroe** in a tornado tag team match ... **Frank Hester** pinned **Corsica Jean** ... **Big Bad John** defeated **Pedro Colombo** ... **Kevin Sullivan** pinned **Wolfman Smith**.
(11-29-72)

—Miami Herald

NEW JERSEY

EAST RUTHERFORD—WWF at the Byrne Meadowlands Arena: **Ray Stevens** defeated WWF champion **Bob Backlund** by disqualification ... **Superstar Graham** beat **Pedro Morales** by disqualification ... **Rocky Jones** defeated **Buddy Rose** ... **Salvatore Bellomo** defeated **Mr. Saito** ... **Ivan Putski** beat **Mr. Fuji** ... **Curt Hennig** defeated **Johnny Rodz** ... **Tony Garea** defeated **Baron Scicluna** ... **Jay** & **Jules Strongbow** defeated **The White Angel** & **The Black Demon**.
(11-06-82)

—New York Daily News

NEW YORK

NEW YORK—WWF at Madison Square Garden: **Bruno Sammartino** beat **Gene Kiniski** ... **Bobo Brazil** and **Waldo Von Erich** battled to a draw ... **Miguel Perez** & **Haystacks Calhoun** defeated **Bobby Davis** & **Gorilla Monsoon** ... **The Golden Terror** pinned **Steve Stanlee** ... **Sam Steamboat** defeated **Boris Malenko** by submission ... **Fred Blassie** defeated **Pedro Morales** ... **Gentleman Jim Haly** beat **Luke Graham** by disqualification.
(11-16-64)

—New York Times

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WRESTLING ENQUIRER

ROBERTS, UNDERTAKER FORM ALLIANCE

Rulebreakers Target Sid For Destruction

By ANDY RODRIGUEZ

NEW YORK—Angered over the fact that Sid Justice prematurely ended their sabotage of Randy Savage and Elizabeth's wedding reception following SummerSlam '91, The Undertaker and Jake "The Snake" Roberts have a new mission: ending Justice's WWF career before it gets a chance to flourish.

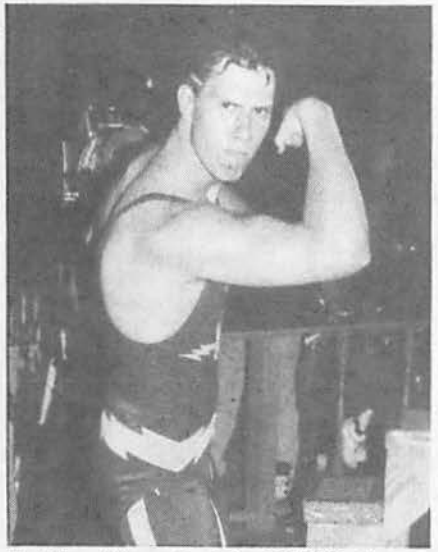
Elizabeth was opening a large gift when out of the box popped a cobra, presumably placed there by Roberts. As Savage consoled Elizabeth, Undertaker raced to the reception area and blasted Savage with his funeral urn, knocking the "Macho Man" unconscious. Roberts then threatened Elizabeth with another snake before Justice raced in with a chair to drive the rulebreakers away.

"It's obvious that Roberts and Undertaker wanted one of the snakes to bite Elizabeth," said one of the guests at the reception. "After Roberts' cobra bit The Ultimate Warrior, Roberts is starting to think he can run rampant with his reptiles. Thank heaven Justice was there. Who knows what kind of damage Roberts and Undertaker could've caused?"

Roberts and Undertaker have now made a pact to drive Justice out of the WWF, and both have bouts scheduled against the 6'8" favorite in the coming weeks. In addition, Roberts has been in negotiations with Paul Bearer, Undertaker's manager, about becoming his adviser as well. As press time, Roberts had yet to sign with Bearer, although the talks were proceeding smoothly at press time.

Jake "The Snake" Roberts (top left) and The Undertaker (above left) are deadly determined to stop Sid Justice (above right) from achieving glory in the WWF.

Kid Loses, Regains Title



Lightning Kid regained the GWF light heavyweight title just two days after losing it.

By KOSTYA KENNEDY

MARIETTA, GA—The Lightning Kid lost his Global light heavyweight title to Chaz on September 13 in Dallas, but regained it two days later on the GWF's initial card at the Cobb County Civic Center here.

"The loss was just a fluke," said Kid as he polished his prized belt. "Chaz is a better wrestler than I gave him credit for. I'll admit it, too, since he beat me in a non-title match before he won the title. I just had to get tough, and I bet Chaz wants nothing to do with me anymore."

Once again, the Kid has misjudged Chaz.

"Now that I've had a taste of holding a belt," said the popular high-flying Chaz, "I want more. But it's not just that. I don't like the Kid's attitude. He's good, but he's arrogant. He needs to learn some manners, I'd say."

Rhodes Returns As Referee

By CRAIG PETERS

ATLANTA—Veteran superstar Dusty Rhodes has been out of action since March, but now he's back in a new role: as a troubleshooting referee for WCW.

"Actually, I *am* retired," admitted the "American Dream," "but that don't mean I ain't more than capable of stoppin' some of the unfair situations around here. I see too much malarkey goin' on with [WCW World champion] Lex Luger, Cactus Jack, and some of the other bad dudes. But I'm still badder than 'em all, and I'll keep these guys from runnin' hog wild. The 'Dream' is back, daddy!"

That's not good news for Luger, who was scheduled to team with his bodyguard, beefy Mr. Hughes, against Barry Windham and Ron Simmons at a September card at The Omni.

"Dusty better watch his step," warned the arrogant Luger. "I beat him nearly to death four years ago,

"American Dream" Dusty Rhodes is back in WCW as a troubleshooting referee.

and it would do my soul good to put a few more scars on his head. He says he's retired, and that's the way he ought to stay. So if he puts his hands on me, I'll destroy the old fat slob."

Embry, Prichard On The Skids?

By DAVE ROSENBAUM

MEMPHIS—They've been teammates for more than eight months, but it appears the longstanding partnership between USWA Southern champion Eric Embry and Texas champion Dr. Tom Prichard may be near an end. The flamboyant Embry was rankled that Prichard opted to tour Japan for the new Wings federation during mid-September.

"I can't believe it," said an angry Embry. "Here I am, just inches away from getting a shot against USWA champion Jerry Lawler, and Prichard takes off for Japan. He just doesn't understand that I need my whole organization—and that means Tom, Miss Texas, Tojo Yamamoto, and P.Y. Chu-Hi—together as a unit. I need backup against Dutch Mantel, Jeff Jarrett, and the other creeps around here, but Tom doesn't seem to care about that, does he?"

When Prichard, who was undefeated in Japan, heard about Embry's comments, he was as livid as Embry was.

"Let Eric fight his own battles," he said. "I can't always be around to wipe his nose."

AROUND THE GLOBE

YOKKAICHI, JAPAN

USWA light heavyweight champion "Nightmare" Dan Davis was upset by Masaru Toe on the September 12 Wings federation card here. "This rugged Japanese style is something that takes a lot of getting used to," admitted Davis, a popular 14-year veteran. "We had a great scientific bout, and Toe has promised me a rematch. I'm confident I have what it takes to get that belt back."

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand champion Bruno Bekkar faces a tough road in defending his belt, particularly against the challenges of A.J. Freely, John Garcia (the brother of former WWF star Tony Garea), and young star Kurt Hobman. "Any one of these fine athletes could strip Bekkar of his title," said Mike Ryan, who himself is a top contender for the crown. "New Zealand wrestling is really heating up. In fact, I believe the action in this country has never been better."

EL TOREO, MEXICO

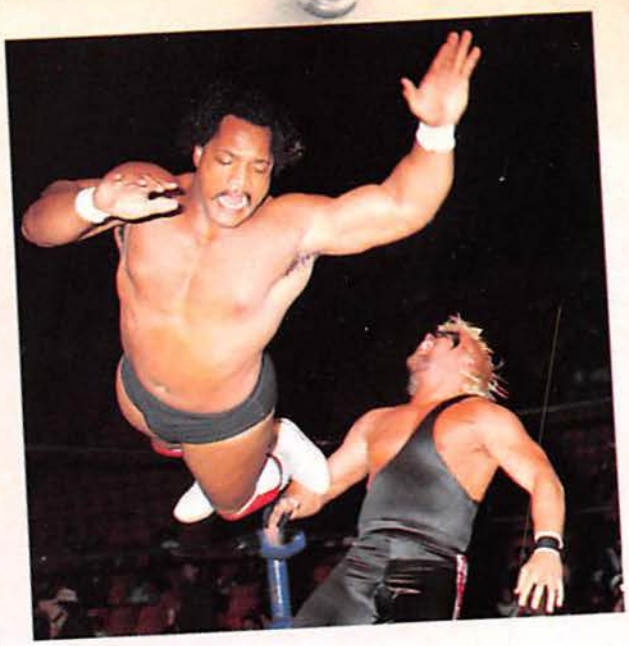
Former Stampede North American champion Owen Hart, a top star in the UWA, admitted he was looking forward to coming back to North America to face Takayuka Iizuka on September 21 in Philadelphia. Hart is also anxious to congratulate his brother Bret Hart on winning the WWF Intercontinental title from Curt Hennig. "I'm so proud of the guy," enthused Owen. "I can't wait to see him."

CAREER CLOSEUP

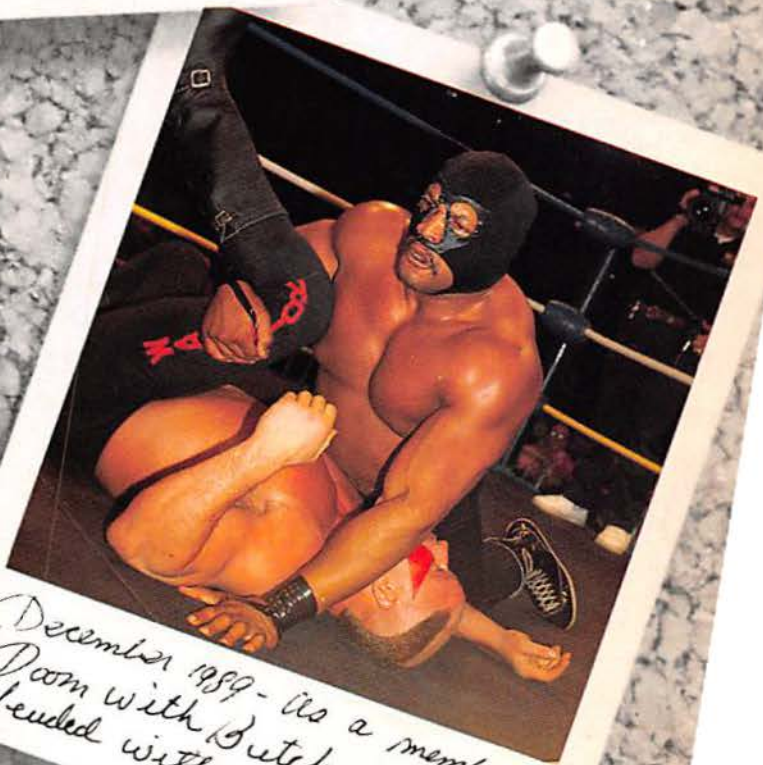
RON SIMMONS

Hometown: Perry, GA
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 260
Years Pro: 5
Favorite Maneuver: football tackle
Titles Held: WCW World tag (1990-91, with Butch Reed); Florida (1986-87)

In only his fifth year as a pro, Ron Simmons has established himself as one of the sport's brightest stars . . . Born in Warner Robbins, Georgia, Simmons was on the Warner Robbins high school football team that won the National title in 1977 . . . At Florida State University, he enjoyed a sensational career at noseguard, winning all-America honors twice and finishing ninth in the Heisman Trophy voting . . . In 1988, the university retired his number "50" . . . After college, he was drafted by the Cleveland Browns, then played a year with the Ottawa Rough Riders of the Canadian Football League . . . He followed that stint with three seasons with the USFL's Tampa Bay Bandits, where Lex Luger was his teammate . . . One day, Luger introduced him to wrestling trainer Hiro Matsuda, and Simmons decided he would attempt to become a wrestler . . . After the USFL folded in 1985, he contacted Matsuda and began training . . . In October 1986, he made his pro debut in West Palm Beach, Florida, defeating Chris Champion . . . Began tag teaming with Steve Keirn after Keirn's partner, Stan Lane, was injured in a match against The Sheepherders . . . On December 2, 1986, Simmons defeated Kareem Muhammad in Tampa to capture the Florida title . . . Lost the belt to Bad News Allen in Tampa on January 20, 1987 . . . Began competing in the old UWF, and started with the NWA when those two organizations merged . . . Used his interview time to speak of the evils of illegal drug use and child abuse . . . Scored impressive victories over veterans Al Perez and Larry Zbyszko . . . Teamed with Eddie Gilbert to reach the finals of the U.S. tag team title tournament, losing to The Fantastics on December 7, 1988, in Chattanooga, Tennessee . . . In September 1989, Woman decided to team Simmons with Butch Reed, put the duo in masks, and call them Doom . . . They seriously injured Scott Steiner in an attack orchestrated by Woman, who had a vendetta against Rick Steiner . . . Doom, their identities still unknown to most fans, defeated the Steiners at Halloween Havoc '89 on October 28 in Philadelphia . . . Simmons and Reed finished last—scoring no points—in the Starrcade '89 Iron Team tournament on December 13 in Atlanta . . . They were forced to unmask after losing to the WCW World tag team champion Steiners at Clash of the Champions X on February 6, 1990, in Corpus Christi, Texas . . . After Woman ended her association with the team, Teddy Long became their manager . . . They seemed to improve immediately . . . At Capital Combat '90 on May 19 in Washington, D.C., Doom upset the Steiners to win the WCW World tag team title . . . Defeated The Rock 'n' Roll Express at the Great American Bash in Baltimore on July 7 . . . In September, began feuding with Ric Flair and Arn Anderson after breaking up an interview with Flair . . . On October 7 in Charlottesville, Virginia, Simmons teamed with Sting (who was in need of a partner at the last minute) to defeat Flair and Anderson; Sting explained that he hated Doom, but hated the Horsemen even more . . . At Halloween Havoc on October 27 in Chicago, Doom wrestled Flair and Anderson to a double-countout . . . A "street fight" with Anderson & Barry Windham at Starrcade '90 in St. Louis on December 16 ended in a no-contest when Windham pinned Simmons and Reed pinned Anderson simultaneously . . . Doom was voted second runner-up in the 1990 Tag Team of the Year balloting in *PWI*. . . Simmons grew increasingly disenchanted with Reed and Long . . . The last straw came at Wrestle War '91 on February 24 in Phoenix, Arizona, when Doom lost the belts to The Freebirds after Reed inadvertently smashed Simmons in the jaw while wearing a pair of brass knuckles . . . After the bout, Long and Reed brutalized Simmons . . . A full-fledged feud ensued, and the fans were clearly behind Simmons . . . Defeated Reed in a "Thunderdoom" cage match at Super Brawl '91 in St. Petersburg, Florida, on May 19; Long was suspended from the ceiling in a small cage . . . Pinned Oz at the Great American Bash in Baltimore on July 14 . . . Began a quest to become the first black man to win the WCW World title . . . Was befriended by Barry Windham . . . Received title matches against champion Lex Luger, losing many of those bouts due to interference from Harley Race or Mr. Hughes, Luger's adviser and bodyguard respectively . . . At Clash of the Champions XVI on September 5 in Augusta, Georgia, Simmons signed to meet Luger in a best-of-three-falls title match . . . Simmons, accompanied by his wife, attacked Luger after the "Total Package" insulted him . . . Received a number-29 ranking on the recently compiled "*PWI* 500" list . . . With or without the World title, the "All-American" should remain a major force on the WCW scene. □



December 1987- perfecting the dropkick in Florida with The Terminator as a victim.



December 1989- As a member of Doom with Butch Reed, they feuded with the Road Warriors.

August 1991- Striving to become the first black world champion, Ron Toebbs of WCW champ Lex Luger.

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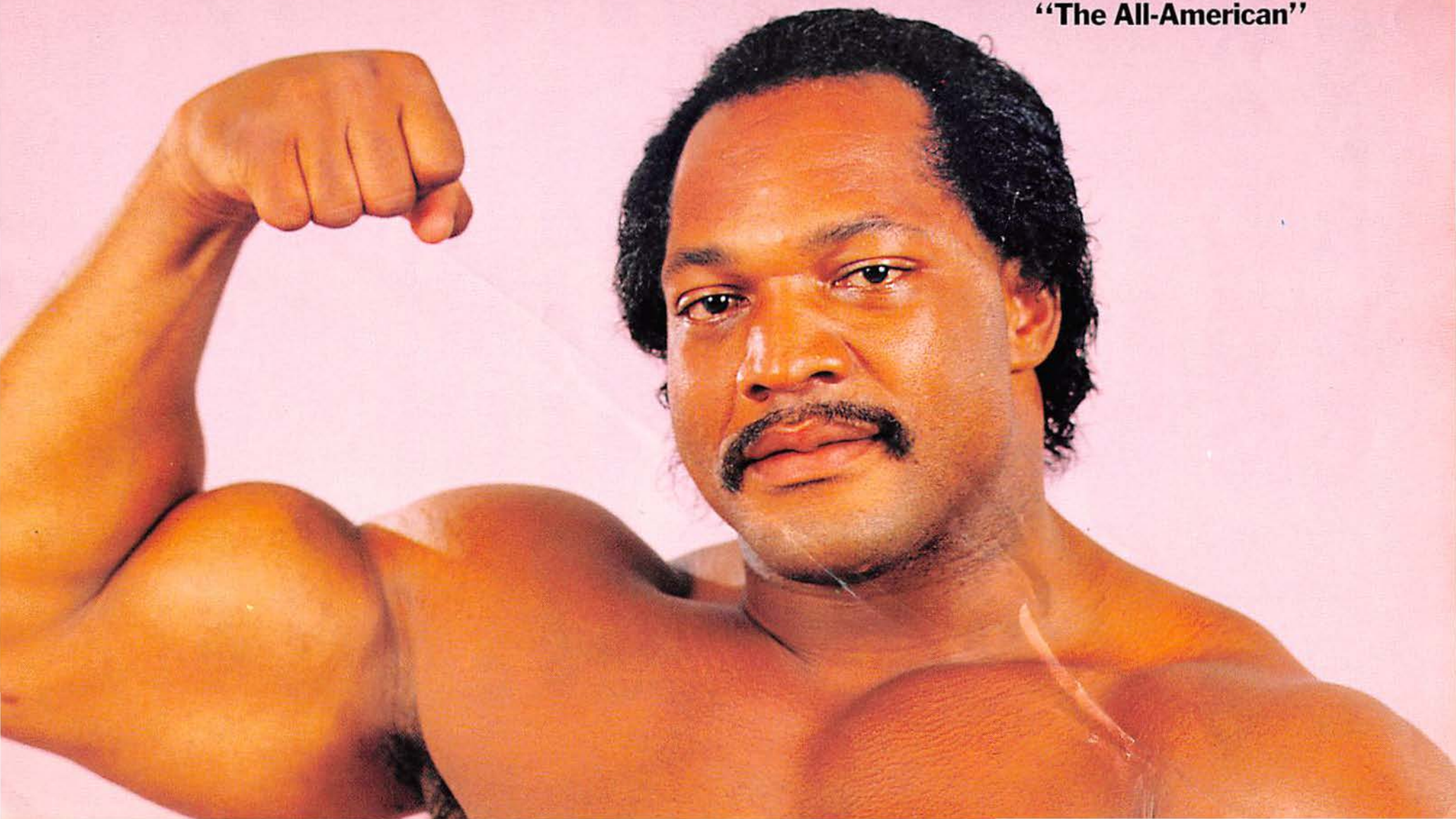
"The All-American"



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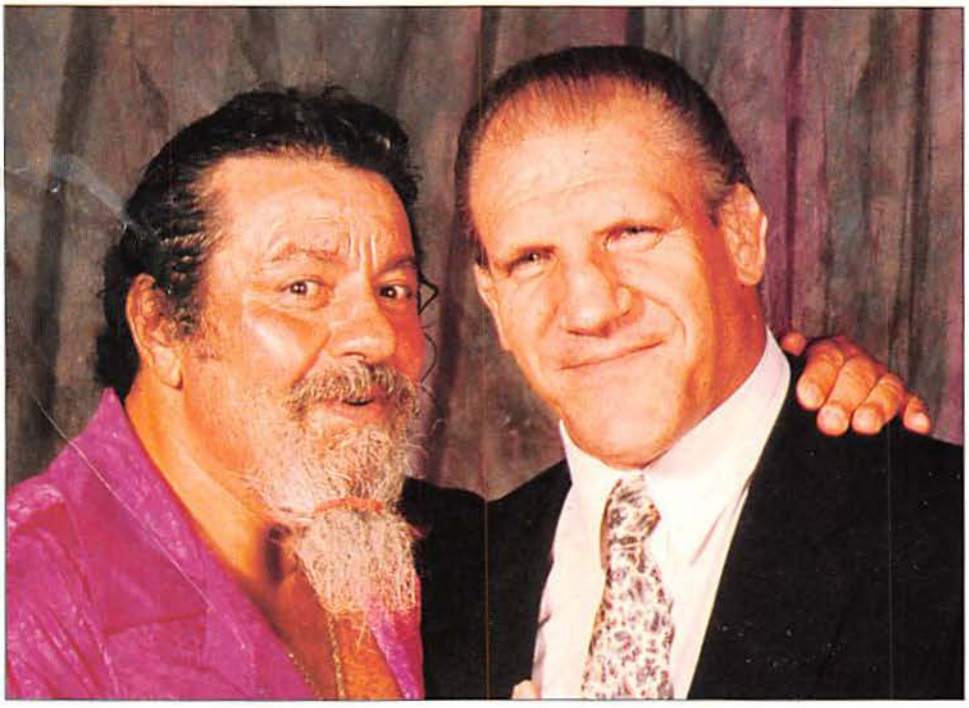

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WIN GRAND PRIZE - TRIP FOR 4 TO WRESTLEMANIA VIII - $2500 VALUE
(Date to be announced)

WIN MONTHLY FIRST PRIZE - $200 CASH

WIN SECOND PRIZE - TEE SHIRT - $15 VALUE
(Every 100th entry, phone or mail, wins automatically)

Call Captain Lou and Bruno at **1-900-737-7746** now! Then you decide. Either challenge the Captain and Bruno at trivia and win great prizes . . . or for pure pleasure listen to the Inside Scoop Storyline . . . or do both! To play Trivia, and qualify, all you've got to do is get three out of five answers correct. That's right only 3 out of 5. If you're correct, you're automatically entered in the Grand Prize and Monthly First Prize drawings. If you're lucky enough to be one of the 100th callers, or mail entrants, you could be an instant winner the minute you call! Call now and qualify to win a FREE TRIP to WRESTLEMANIA VIII!

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$1.95 first minute. 95¢ each additional minute. If you're under 18 years of age, you must have parents' permission. Touchtone phone required.

Rules: No purchase or phone call necessary. Call as often as you'd like, all phone entries receive immediate notice of entry. Or enter by mail and receive notification at contest end. To enter by mail send a 3" x 5" card and a stamped self-addressed envelope, with the words "Trivia Contest" written on the outside, to address below. We'll send you your qualifying trivia questions. All qualifiers will be entered in the drawing and winners selected at random by an independent judging organization. Winners will be notified by mail. Deadline to receive mail or phone entries is February 28, 1992. Odds of winning are determined by the total number of entrants. Void in Iowa, New York, Florida, Puerto Rico, Virginia, Georgia, Louisiana, Washington, Oregon and where prohibited by law. Unclaimed prizes will be awarded in a subsequent drawing from all entrants within 30 days of original drawing. For a complete set of rules and winners' list, send a stamped self-addressed envelope for each request to the address below.

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